

FROM OUR STAR TO YOU
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To honor any officer, or to welcome any guest.

May be given by Star points, or other members representing Star points.

Welcome speech by Worthy Matron:

We are indeed happy to welcome you tonight and to extend to you our most sincere greeting. We have been looking forward to the time when we might honor you for your most efficient service. We know you have been guided through the past by our Star which shines forth in all of it's beauty, and tonight that Star still shines to lead us on to better service in our efforts to promote Charity, Truth, and Loving kindness. Tonight you will see that Star as it shines on your pathway, bringing to you our promise of loyalty and truth in our friendly associations together. There seems nothing more appropriate in bringing you the honor that is so justly due than to say it with the gleams of that beautiful Star that shines out with it's points of blue, yellow, white, green, and red. As these points light our Labyrinth, may they bring to you our message of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love.

Our Star will always shine for you upon a path of light,
To help you as you onward go, and keep you in the right;
From each point gleams a message that is always just and true,
And we have that same message to bring tonight to you;
And with our gifts so full of love, we only want to say,
That we will try to be as true as Stars that light your way.

Star points (or other members) take position back of Esther's station. Each carries star in color appropriate to her station. These stars should be large enough to carry the gifts, and to look well when placed in front of dais, perhaps about 15 inches in diameter. These gifts may be flowers, or other gifts, which should be tied in Star point colors.

When all are in position, they pass to Altar where Ruth takes position just south of Altar, with Adah to her right. Esther stands west of Altar, and Martha just north of Altar, with Electa to her left.

When Star points are in position, Associate Matron, Marshal, or other members, takes position in front of and to the right of Worthy Matron where she stands to receive gifts. She carries a white Star or one made in colors on which the gifts are placed when received.

Each Star point in turn gives her verse and approaches the dais. The officer in front of and to the right of the Worthy Matron, steps forward and holds out her Star. Each Star point in turn, places her gift on the Star, and places her own star in front of dais with Adah's star to the right. Each Star point then returns to position at Altar.

If desired, these gifts on the stars may be presented by each officer passing to left of Altar, and then to the East. After speaking to guest in verse, she places gift on the star carried by officer in front of dais and returns with her star to former position around Altar.

Each Star point in turn gives verse as follows:

Adah: The gifts we bring are full of love as you can plainly see,
The blue will always show we must have much fidelity;
For Adah had the courage to be true to every vow,
And that is why with all our love, this gift comes to you now.

Ruth: We know that Ruth was very true to duties every day,
And she was faithful to each task she found along the way;
The yellow is for constancy, and we know it is true,
So we are pleased just at this time, to give this gift to you.

Esther: Esther was a noble Queen and beautiful to see,
And to her friends she always tried to show much loyalty;
And as your friends we want to be so loyal now to you,
As we give you this little gift to prove that we are true.

Martha: Martha had such trustful faith and wanted to receive
The hope that Jesus promised her if she would just believe;
And as we give our gift to you may we each look above,
We know that our reward will come through service, faith and love.

Electa: Electa gave her all to keep the faith she knew was true,
And with her charity and love she was so loyal too;
And as we give our gift to you, we want to make it clear,
That you will find our love for you will last through every year.

As soon as all stars are in place before dais, the one who has received the gifts presents them to guest as follows:

From all the points of our dear Star, a message comes your way,
A message from your many friends you've found day after day;
And as you pass along the way your long life's journey through,
We hope sweet memories of our Star will come each day to you.

After gifts are presented, officers remain in position as soloist sings the following song:

Tune: "I Would Be True."

Our Star shines out to bring to you our message,
Of all the love which we now with you share;
And from each point we see it's lovely colors,
That tell to you how much we really care,
That tell to you how much we really care.

We are your friends who will always be loyal,
And we can prove we will be always true,
And may our Stars that shine upon our pathway,
Keep us so close each day we walk with you,
Keep us so close each day we walk with you.

Song may be sung before gifts are presented if desired.

After song, officers return to west and resume stations.

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