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TREASURES OF LOVE
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Guest is welcomed by Worthy Matron as follows:

I am very happy to bring greetings to you and a very cordial welcome to this meeting. We have been looking forward to this occasion with a great deal of anticipation, principally because of the delightful fellowship which we are so happy to share. The Order of the Eastern Star is deserving of every effort, and we find much joy in helping to develop this splendid work with its lofty purposes. As we follow its teachings, we cannot but dedicate our thoughts to right thinking, and our lives to right living as we share our happiness together. We want you to enjoy with us the pleasures of the evening, and when the time comes for us to part, may you carry with you a lasting and happy memory of this occasion.

We welcome the lovely sunset as it paints the western sky,
We are glad to hear the notes of birds as they go flitting by;
But when our doors are open, and we see you coming through,
The greatest of all welcomes is the one we give to you.

As soon as guest is seated in the East, Esther with basket of fern leaves takes position west of Altar and speaks:

We now bring our very best welcome to you,
To praise and give thanks for the work which you do;
And we cannot but feel that as you come our way,
That we should find treasures of love for the day;
So we'll call from the south, and we'll call from the north,
That help from these stations for you will come forth;
And we'll put in a search that somewhere around,
A treasure of love for you will be found

Conductress and Associate Conductress approach Altar. Esther speaks to them:

You are so very good and kind,
I feel quite sure that you will find
The treasure which we seek today,
So hurry out upon your way;
And take with you my gift of love
That light may guide you from above.

Esther takes her fern leaves from her basket and divides them, giving part to Conductress and part to Associate Conductress. These officers receive the fern leaves, the Conductress passes to position in front of Adah's station, and the Associate Conductress to position in front of Electa's station. Star points are provided with roses or other flowers. Conductress addresses Adah, who rises:

Conductress: We are searching for a treasure
And so we come to you,
For we have always found you
To be very just and true.

Adah: I have nothing I can give
But just these flowers fair,
But they will surely show to you
That our true love is there. (Gives flowers to Con.)

Associate Conductress addresses Electa, who rises:
We are turning now to you
To find this treasure rare,
For with a ray so full of love,
You'll surely find it there.

Electa: These little flowers are all I have
But I give them with love,
That they may speak the words of truth,
With blessings from above. (Gives flowers to A. C.)

Conductress addresses Ruth, who rises:
Surely when we come to you
A treasure now to seek,
We'll find the very thing we need
With love so pure and meek.

Ruth: And I can give the very least,
My gleanings are so few,
But all my flowers speak of love
As I give them to you. (Gives flowers to Con.)

Asso. Conductress addresses Martha, who rises:

As we now come in love to you
To seek our treasure rare,
We hope with us a trustful faith
You will forever share.

Martha: I have nothing I can give
But flowers that speak of love,
And give to you a truer faith,
With hope in things above. (Gives flowers to A. C.)

Conductress and Asso. Conductress approach Esther. Asso. Conductress speaks:
We're sorry we have failed to bring
The treasure which we hoped to find,
But everywhere we found that friends
Gave us a message true and kind;
And we have brought from every point
These little flowers which are rare,
And if we can receive but these,
We know they come from friends who care.

Esther takes flowers, and holding them speaks:
You have been true to every task,
And you have served your stations well,
And I am sure each lovely flower
Will soon it's little message tell;
For you have gathered with great care
A gift from every lovely ray,
A simple gift that speaks of love,
For flowers always speak that way.

And as our hearts are bound in love,
So must we bind these flowers too,
That all together they may tell
Their message which we know is true.

Esther hands the flowers to Conductress, and takes ribbon from her basket to tie flowers. As she does so, the gift is found. Gift may be in basket or tied to one end of ribbon. Holding gift up, Esther speaks:

Here is the gift we sought to find
Which gives to us a lesson true,
That when our hearts are bound in love,
We find the hidden treasure too.

And may this treasure speak of love,
A love that's true to say the least,
And as our light shines from above,
We bear our treasure to the East.

Esther ties flowers with ribbon, and Conductress approaches East with the flowers. Worthy Matron receives them and hands them to the guest. Conductress also carries the gift to the East and it is presented with the flowers.

Associate Conductress may carry gift to East, if desired.

As soon as flowers and gift are presented, officers return to stations.

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