

THE MESSAGE OF THE FLOWERS
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Marshal takes position between dais and Altar, bows, and Star points rise.

Marshal:

Flowers are life's great messengers,
They cheer each weary day,
They carry comfort to the sad,
And chase their gloom away;
They enter homes of rich and poor
To carry peace and cheer,
Their beauty soothes the broken heart,
And makes a friend more dear.

To us these flowers speak of love,
And of a truth sincere,
Fidelity, and faith, and hope,
And charity sincere;
And each small flower speaks to us
From lights that shine afar,
The lessons which you now will teach
From each point of our Star.

Marshal takes position in front of Adah, and speaks:

Dear Adah, may you ever heed the lessons of these flowers,
For they have felt the urgent need of scattered April showers,
And they have lifted up their heads to catch the gleam on high,
And get the strength of sun that shone from out the cloudless sky;
And as you heed the words of truth, we give these flower now,
That on your way you may have strength to keep each spoken vow.

Marshal presents flowers to Adah. After receiving flowers, Adah passes back of Altar to Electa's station. At same time Ruth passes to Adah's station, Esther to Ruth's station, Martha to Esther's station, and Electa to Martha's station. Marshall remains in position in front of Adah's station.

Marshal to Ruth:

Dear Ruth, we know you've come to us for flowers of the gold,
That you may learn the way of love from out the truths of old;
And from your sheaves there comes to us the lessons we must learn,
That in this life there are some gains that each of us must earn;
And as you go upon your way may strength be given you,
That to each humble station you may prove your love is true.

After receiving flowers, Ruth passes back of Altar to Electa's station, Esther to Adah's station, etc.

Marshal to Esther:

Dear Esther, as you stop awhile and tarry on your way,
May you be loyal to your trust to be a friend each day;
And with these flowers which we give, may courage come to you,
That you may bravely face the task to be to kindred true;
And as you go upon your way, just follow in the light,
And courage will be given you to always choose the right.

Marshal presents flowers to Esther. Esther passes to Electa's station, etc.

Marshal to Martha:

Dear Martha, as you come our way a ray of light is seen,
And may you find much comfort in this spray of leafy green,
And may it give to you the hope in words that Jesus gave,
That we shall have both life and love, and home beyond the grave;
And as you teach these lessons true, may that hope ever live,
That you may share it as you go, a trustful faith to give.

Marshal presents fern leaves to Martha. Martha passes to Electa's station, etc.

Marshal to Electa:

Electa dear, these little flowers will always speak of love,
And teach you to uphold the right, and ever look above;
They will give courage that you may in charity be free,
And they will give to you the strength to serve so loyally;
As you accept these little flowers, may blessings from above,
Be ever with you as you teach of everlasting love.

As Star points pass to proper stations, Marshal takes position between Altar and dais, and speaks:

We've given you our very best
To cheer you on your way,
And may our little words of hope
Give strength for every day;
May faith and constancy abide,
May love be ever near,
To help you speak the words of truth
In lessons we hold dear.

We know you'll humbly do your task;
We know you'll be sincere,
And give the honor that is due
To heroines so dear;
May you be guided on your way
By that bright light afar,
For it is shining now for you;
It is our Eastern Star.

Marshal bows and Star points are seated.

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