

ESTHER

Tonight we honor Queen Esther
Whose bravery we all admire,
In securing her people's ransom
Dressed in her queenly attire.

She risked the loss of affection--
Yea! Death could come of her deed--
But nothing could stop this brave woman
From answering her people's need.

At her unbidden appearance,
The guards and officials did fear
For her life (and theirs for that matter)
For she surely shouldn't be here.

The King's face flushed with anger
When before him she did appear,
But he loved his beautiful Esther,
No harm from him need she fear.

Esther's perilous venture
Saved her people, and still to this night--
Esther, her crown and her scepter,
Symbolize Purity, Joy and Light.

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