

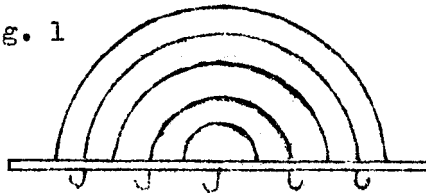
SONG OF THE RAINBOW
A Welcome Service
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As soon as guest is escorted to the East, the Associate Matron approaches the Altar and carries small rainbow. This rainbow may be made by covering wires with the different colors, one color on each wire, and bending the wires, placing ends in small holes on board. It may also be made of stiff cardboard if desired. Underneath the bottom of the board place five (5) small hooks, as in Fig. 1.

Fig. 1



When in position west of Altar, Associate Matron speaks:

When rainbows span the western sky,
And come at dawn of day,
It is a signal, or a sign
That storm is on the way.

But when across the Eastern sky
They show their glories bright,
It means the sky will clearer be,
And sailors have delight.

So let our rainbow span the East
'Till closing day is through,
And it will forecast clearer skies
As we now welcome you.

We want your days to be so fair,
Without a cloud to mar,
And on your way may rainbows lead
To our own Eastern Star.

As soon as Associate Matron is through speaking, each Star point in turn gives her verse, then steps to position west of Altar and hangs gift beneath the board. These gifts may be inexpensive but should be in the form of little pots if possible. Little packages tied with yellow ribbon or done up in yellow paper will answer nicely. If money is given it could be tied in the yellow paper. After placing packages on the hooks, each Star point returns to her station.

Adah The message that I now bring to you,
Is such as has never been told,
For it brings you a welcome so loyal
With this little pot full of gold.

- Ruth You have been so true to your stations
That honors have often been told,
And for the service you've given
I too, will give my pot of gold.
- Esther And I want to bring you a welcome
As true as the welcomes of old;
Because to your friends you've been loyal
Your rainbow claims my pot of gold.
- Martha Because of the faith you have cherished,
As did all the good saints of old,
I bring you a hope for the future,
In this little pot of pure gold.
- Electa You have so much love for our Order,
And it's truths you so often have told,
That our love brings to you a glad welcome
As I hang there my pot full of gold.

As soon as gifts are hung on rainbow, and Star points have resumed stations, Conductress and Associate Conductress approach Altar with lighted candles and take position south and north of Associate Matron respectively.

Conductress addresses guest in East:

Many pleasures and honors have come to you as you have journeyed through this earthly labyrinth, but we trust that no pleasure will exceed that of this moment when you find your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, but even this gold can not be greater in value than our greetings and most gracious welcome. The sacred ties which bind us in close relationship, will become even stronger as we endeavor to make ourselves more worthy of that Star we have seen in the East.

Soloist sings: Tune - "Beautiful Garden of Prayer".

There's a rainbow that brings you a welcome,
For it glows with the light of our love,
And it brings you a message of comfort
With it's blessing from Heaven above;
For your wonderful service, we give thanks to you,
With our welcome so loyal and true,
We are glad you are here, for it gives us much cheer,
To bring our best of welcomes to you.

If some clouds should o'er-shadow your pathway
And some days dark and dreary may grow,
You will know that our rainbow is gleaming
With a wealth of it's beautiful glow;
You will know we are thinking of you every day,
You will know we are friends who are true,
For the promise we give, like the rainbow will live,
As we bring our best wishes to you.

At close of song, Associate Matron approaches the East and presents rainbow to guest. If more than one guest, Worthy Matron may distribute gifts, after which the rainbow can be placed on pedestal. At close of service, other officers return to stations.

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