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This addendum honors the daughters of the Order, and may be used for either the regular Adah, or for a visiting Grand Adah. It requires the five Star Point Officers, and five other Sisters, which may be a Drill Team. If it is the Chapter Adah, then a substitute must be used. Choir or Soloist is used. It is very effective if each Sister taking part wears a blue cape, but all should wear a blue bonnet, which may be as simple as a bandeau of blue flowers.

The music for singing and all marching is "Little Old Lady, Dressed in Blue", and with a little practice, the marching is a sort of a swinging tip-toe.

Worthy Matron: Tonight we have the happy privilege of giving special honor to Sister ----, who is Grand (?) Adah of ---- for this year. Fidelity is the special virtue of the Blue Ray, and sky blue is significant of this station. We are both proud and pleased to have a special Guest this evening. Sister Marshal, you will present our Sister for introduction.

Marshal escorts Grand Adah, back of Esther's chair, where Worthy Matron adds a word or two. They stand while Soloist sings, to same tune:

Dear Grand Adah, here tonight,

Making our meeting bright,

Adding just a touch of splendor To our Star.

Steadfast, loyal, as a friend,

Serving days without end 
You have added brightness always,

Everywhere you are.

With a courage rare,

Strength beyond compare,

You add beauty to your service... you are very dear.

We now sing sweet words to you,

They mean love, through and through,

Just observe our smiling faces,

So sincere and true.

Marshal escorts Sister to the East, where a chair has been placed just West of Worthy Matron's pedestal. Marshal returns to station, as there is a smart rap on door. Warder reports, and door is opened...

Five Sisters enter, marching briskly to a point back of Esther's chair, where they separate, and two Sisters move forward along each side of room, to take positions beside each Star Point... one remaining at Esther's station.

Star Point Officers rise, and as couples they continue East, turning West again, then to meet. Lines pass THROUGH, then turn toward Altar, (marching at an angle. They meet back of Esther's chair, pass through (criss-cross), continue around labyrinth, to meet East of Altar. They fall in line (couples) and approach honored Guest and halt. They bow deeply, turn north and south, respectively, and in singly file march west. As they pass the Star Point stations, the Star Point Officers drop out, and stand behind their chairs. The other five continue around the Labyrinth, to meet again in front of the honored Guest. The first one offers her arm to honored Guest, the others form two couples, between which the first Sister and Guest pass, to stand facing Chapter. They hold this position as Adah steps forward. She curtsies deeply, and speaks to honored Guest.

Adah: From Adah to Adah, I offer the true blue of Fidelity. (She gives a small blue flower to honored Guest).

Fragrant and true,
A flower for you
Who never wavered in your duty;
Because tonight
You add more light,
And share Fidelity's own beauty.

She returns to place, and Ruth approaches. Each time, as speaker ends, she bows deeply, and ALL the Sisters standing by honored Guest bow deeply in return. Ruth: From the humble station of Ruth I bring my Constancy to blend with the virtues you represent. (She gives a small blue flower to honored Guest).

Sky blue is true,
But from my point of yellow
I bring my love...
A music sweet and mellow;
A daughter's love we shared,
And so, tonight,
A friendship sweet we offer you...
Sincere and bright.

She bows, and others bow in return. Ruth returns to station, and Esther xxx approaches.

Esther: From the station of light, I bring my message of happiness to you. You add both light and joy by being here. (She offers a small blue flower).

Sky blue is true,
But from the point of white
I honor you for loyalty...
Courage in all things right.
We shared fraternal duty,
Obedience as well While fondness from our Chapter
In the message I would tell.

She bows, and others bow in return. Esther returns to station, and Martha approaches.

Martha: As Martha, I offer the sweetest friendship ever dreamed. Jesus is your Friend and mine. This we share. (She offers small blue flower.)

The green of trust and faith unite
In harmony with blue,
For Martha's hope and Adah's trust
Shine through in all you do;
And so, tonight, we honor you,
We're glad to have you here My message is from each one here...
"To us you are so dear".

She bows, and others bow in return. Martha returns to station, and Electa draws near.

Electa: From the point of Love, I bring tribute. In love, Adah gave her life. That is the depth of love my station symbolizes. In all things be true, And Love thy Lord with all thy heart. (She gives a small blue flower).

Sky blue is true, and so are you,
As, rich in love's devotion,
You offered all, for duty's call...
With trust deep as the ocean.
Like mine, your point means sacrifice,
You also serve in love;
Together we knew courage rare
In ways that lead above.

She bows, and others bow in return. Electa returns to station, and Star Point Officers are seated.

Sister again offers her arm to honored Guest, they turn and face East, moving forward, followed by other two couples. They halt in front of Worthy Matron, and two couples form a line behind them.

Worthy Matron: Honored Adah, - No words are adequate to tell all that you mean to us tonight, both for the virtues you exemplify, and because you are YOU. As Adah of old evidenced courage and self-sacrifice, - so you have shown these virtues in your devotion to the Order. Honoring your Fidelity, we offer our love. The flowers you carry are but a reminder that sky blue is true; and, as you are true so is our friendship for you.

Choir or Soloist sings, to same tune...

Honored Adah, as a queen,
You show courage serene,
You bring thoughts of Starry virtues... here tonight.
"Keep thy promise, father dear",
These your words, sweet and clear,
With no hesitation ever...
Just a heart sincere.
With a courage rare,
Strength beyond compare,
You add beauty to your service... you are very dear.
Sister Adah, we love you,
And our friendships renew...
Won't you share our meetings often,
Many times each year.

Honored Guest is seated, and drill team retires.

This ends simple ceremony.