HOPE

JUSTICE

FOLLOWERS
OF THE
STAR
INTRODUCTION:

Down to this earth an Angel came
And watched the passing throng,
Some content in works well meant
And sure they've done no wrong;
Others aghast at echoes vast
Their thoughtless deeds evoke,
Fill their days in helpful ways –
"Ah: These are gentler folk!"

He hovered near, his heart aglow
With sympathy and pride,
"These are friends who make amends,
My faith is justified:
When flowers we need, I'll come with speed
And choose with gentleness,
Pluck with care these blossoms rare
For spheres of usefulness,"

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Long years have passed since those blest days
When Angel forms were seen
And recognized by mortal eyes,
Yet now a Fairy Queen
Is entering here - and with her come
Her messengers of light,
Who travel everywhere on earth,
Who lost to mortal sight.

(Lights dimmed during the speaking of the last few lines, and Flower Girls and ANGEL OF JUSTICE enter, they take places in the West, the A.O.J. stands in front of them and at the side, as if in communication with them)

INTRODUCTION continues:
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Quiet reigns - within the dell
Crag-bound by lofty peaks,
Unto her listening message:
The voice of Justice speaks:

JUSTICE:

The earth has sent an urgent call,
And we have gathered here
To formulate the wisest way
To send a word of cheer;
You are my trusted messengers,
You understand me well,
Go in my name to speak to them
And on the earth to dwell;
I send you forth – hover near
Where’er the needy are,
And speak your messages of cheer
To followers of the Star.

(Lights are increased, and HOPE enters. She advances to a position near the
dais on south side, at the same time A.O.J. assumes similar position on north side)

HOPE:
So many questioning thoughts are mine,
I hesitate, afraid
To venture out upon the path,
And come to seek your aid;
Hope is my name, my mission this
To cheer and comfort all
Who travel on the King's Highway,
And raise them should they fall;
How shall I meet each daily need,
Perform the daily task,
And make this year of greatest worth
And blessing, may I ask?

JUSTICE:
My mission on the earth is this,
For Justice is my name,
Glad, indeed, am I to help,
It was for this I came;
Open the portals of your heart;
A beneficent Hand is seen
Where mountain sides and valleys gleam
In coats of glossy green;
The voice of Nature speaks in storm,
In sunshine and in flower,
And if you'll listen carefully
You'll sense an unseen Power;
I've brought with me these messengers
Who now will speak to you,
Listen well to all they say,
You'll find their words are true.

(The VIOLET, followed by the DAFFODIL, LAVENDER TULIP, WHITE PEONY, RED PEONY
take places beside Altar; the YELLOW DAISY, BLUE CORNFLOWER, PINK CARNATION,
WHITE LILY, TALISMAN ROSE and RED ROSE on other side of Altar)

VIOLET:
I am the lowly VIOLET,
The harbinger of Spring,
With fragrance of HUMILITY
The hillsides covering;
The DAFFODIL is CHEERFULNESS,
She wears a crown of gold,
And dots the landscape everywhere
With happiness high-souled;
The TULIPS are SINCERITY,
CONSIDERATION, too,
They fill the world with gentleness,
With soft and lovely hue;
The PEONIES are FORTITUDE,
PATIENCE all the while,
These qualities will bring to you
The sunlight of God's smile!

JUSTICE:

These are the keys that open wide
The doors of usefulness,
And give to you the strength to walk
In ways of helpfulness.

DAISY:

I am the DAISY, far and near
My gorgeous yellow dress
Shines upon the meadows green
In shimmering loveliness;
CO-OPERATION is my name,
And near me you will find
In blue CORNFLOWER'S silken folds
Die flower of FRIENDSHIP kind;
Thru pink CARNATION’S fragrant breath
APPRECIATION sends
Its kindly words of love and cheer,
Its mystic blessing lends;
The LILY speaks of HARMONY
In thought, and word, and deed,
The loving God who made her dress
Will minister to your need;
The ROSES are SUCCESS end LOVE,
The final rich reward
Of faithful followers of the Star
That pointeth Heavenward.

JUSTICE:

These are the fruits of seed well sown,
The blessing that attends
The life that gives and gives again,
Itself for others spends;
'Tis thus the blessing you desire
Upon you will descend,
And strength to meet each daily task
A father's love will send.

(Song by single voice "Lord, For Tomorrow And Its Needs")

JUSTICE:

A heart that lives in prayerful trust
No power can overthrow,
The life that links itself with God
His keeping Power will know.

HOPE:

Most graciously to me has cone
This message you have brought,
In gratitude for friendly cheer,
With prayerful courage fraught,
I'll go my way, secure in faith,
High-souled in word and thought!

(Same person who gave INTRODUCTION now speaks)

Friendship's a most gracious thing,
The sweetest tie on earth,
It sings of all that lives and breathes
And dies to give it birth;
It lights the eye, it warms the heart,
It blesses mystically,
It flows along from hand to hand
In waves of sympathy;
And we who live within its light
And have its pathway trod,
Are well assured its homeward way
Will lead, at last, to God.

(A drill is given forming the letters TRUST, or any other suitable drill, after which the following song is sung by single voice, using music "Forward Be Our Watchword")

Forward be our watchword,
Steps and voices joined,
Seek the things before us,
Not a look behind;
Beams the Star of promise
On our horizon line,
As it leads us onward
Every doubt resign;
Beams the Star of promise,
A light to guide our feat,
'Till with palms of gladness
In His courts we'll meet.
Forward then with, courage,
In His strength we'll go,
Faithful to the teachings
Of our Star's bright glow;
In His gracious keeping,
Naught our trust can shake,
While each precious promise
As our shield we take;
Forward, marching eastward,
Where the heaven is bright,
Until the veil is lifted,
And our faith is sight.

(All march to East, separate and go out in pairs, two on each side, using same music for march as the last song. If desired a nice variation would be to march around once, and then come up thru, center four abreast all singing the last four lines, and then go out two on each side)

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COSTUMING

The Flower Girls should carry sprays of their flowers, all wear long white dresses.
ANGEL OF JUSTICE - Long flowing robe white silver trimmed, wings of thin material outlined with silver tinsel.

HOPE - Red trimmed with silvers tars, or red and white combination.

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