THESE THREE WORDS.

(An "Esther Night" Addendum in which a Grand Esther is honored. This may be used to honor your Past Esthers, also present Esther or visiting Esthers.)

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My song "These Three Words" (words and music are included in this number) is to be sung in honor of the guest(s) when she is (or they are) presented back of Esther's chair.

The Worthy Matron will follow the regular prescribed form of words as used in your state when giving her instructions to the Conductress(es) for the escorting of the guest(s).

If a banquet precedes the meeting, the table appointments and decorations should be in keeping with the colors, etc. appropriate to the third point of our star. White lilies, real or made of Dennison's crepe paper, should be used. They may be given as favors to the guest(s) of honor. The chapter room may be decorated with the lilies. Large baskets of lilies may be placed or hung at the back of each star point station.

If a Grand Adah is the guest of honor, the Past Adahs, present Adah, and visiting Adahs may serve as an escort for her. The escorts may wear white dresses and large white hats. Each may carry either a large white lily or a gold or white sceptre.

When the guest(s) of honor arrives in the east, the Worthy Matron may extend the following welcome.

WORTHY MATRON'S WELCOME.

Salutation, ---- ---- ----, I have no sceptre to extend in welcoming you on behalf of --------- chapter, but I do have a golden rule. I shall use it twice in welcoming you to-night; first, when I repeat the three words in the title of the song which has been sung in your honor; "We Love You", and secondly, by the same measure of three other words namely these: "You are welcome".

Clad in royal robes of selflessness, efficiency, and service trimmed with your graciousness and dearness, you are a charming guest(s).

Measuring you by the golden rule, we find that you have conformed to all our standards, both as an officer and a member of our order. For this reason I am glad to welcome you.

--------- chapter is very happy to have you for its honored guest(s) to-night, and our only hope is that you are as glad to be here as we are delighted to have you.

Just as everything turned out beautifully for Queen Esther, so may it happen for you.

We hope this occasion, which we have arranged in your honor, may bring you at least a little joy and make you feel that as Esther was loyal to her people, so are your people, the members of this chapter, loyal to you.

We hope that you feel very welcome indeed, as well as also very much appreciated here to-night.

I extend these words of welcome in my official capacity as Worthy Matron of --------- chapter, and on behalf of the chapter.

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Now or later in the evening, if you wish to present flowers to the guest(s) of honor, the following may be used. They may be presented by the Conductress or the Associate Matron. If a gift is presented, it may be concealed in the chalice of a large white lily; or, it may be tied to the stem.

The Star Point Officers may present their flowers to the Conductress or the Associate Matron, who will go to each point to gather them and afterwards present them to the guest(s) of honor; or other lilies may be presented by the Conductress or Associate Matron and the Star Point Officers may keep the lilies which they have.

PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS.

ADAH arises and speaks as follows:

So straight, so tall, so soldierly,
This lily, pure and white,
I raise in honor of our guest(s)
On this, our "Esther Night".
(She now raises the lily, twice, as if giving the sign, then extends it to be presented to the guest; or she keeps it and is seated without the gavel.)

RUTH arises and speaks as follows:

The yellow of the Widow's Ray
Within this chalice white
Stands for the love we have for those
Who work for Truth and Right.
(She extends the lily in the same manner as in giving the sign. She then gives it to the A.M. or Cond. for presentation to the guest(s), or she keeps it and is seated.)

ESTHER arises and speaks as follows:

The snowy whiteness of this flow'r
Proclaims the purity
Exemplified by Esther fair;
Expressed again by thee!
(Raises lily and extends it forward straight from the shoulder. Then presents it to officer or keeps it, and sits.)

MARTHA arises and speaks:

This strong green stem, like Martha's faith,
Upholds this blossom white;
Just as our faith in you upholds
Our love for you to-night.
(She moves the lily to the three positions necessary to suggest the sides of a triangle; then she presents or keeps it and is seated.)

ELECTA arises and speaks:

Our God of Love created this
And other blossoms bright
To bring you joy when we, through them,
Express our love to-night.
(Holds the lily as the cup is held; then presents it to the officer or retains it and is seated.) The Flowers are then presented to the guest(s) of honor with the following:

PRESENTATION TO THE GUEST(S) OF HONOR.
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Accept these blossoms (or lilies) pure and white,
They pledge our love to you,
And bring our hopes that you may have
Success in all you do.

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ESTHER’S SONG.  
"These Three Words."

(The following are the words to the song in honor of a Grand Esther, or the Esthers of your Chapter.)

I.  
We have no sceptre to extend
To you, dear Esther(s) grand,
And so we sing three simple words
Which you will understand.

These words - not long or hard to spell,
Are most important, for they tell -
That "We love you", dear Esther.

Chorus:  
Oh, "We love you", indeed we do,
Unselfish, lovely Esther;
So like a queen, to us you seem,
Courageous, loyal Esther;
And like a regal lily white,
So stately, dear, you look to-night;
May these three words bring you delight -
"We love you", loyal Esther.

II.  
Queen Esther won by courage rare,
And we can do the same,
If we but live the lesson taught
Here, in our Esther's name.

Since you ex-er-ple-fy her part,
Which finds response within each heart,
"We love you", loyal Esther(s).

Chorus:  
Yes, "We love you", indeed we do,
Unselfish, lovely Esther;
For like a queen to us you seem,
Courageous, stately Esther;
And like a lovely lily, white,
So regal, dear, you seem to-night.
We hope these words will bring delight -
"We love you", loyal Esther.