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A LOVELY CANDLE SERVICE FOR DISTINGUISHED
GUESTS OR FRIENDS NIGHT

A seven light candelabra is placed back of Esther's chair. The five Star Points, each carrying a symbolic lighted candle, are led by the Conductress and followed by the Associate Conductress and each carrying a white candle, and form a line back of Esther station, and face East.

~~Here~~ WORTHY MATRON:

"My sisters, what message have you for our friends who are also our sisters and guests tonight of _____ chapter, to let them know that we honor them, and appreciate their presence?"

ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS:

"There are candles of service,

There are candles of cheer:

There are candles of sadness

Whose gleams bring a tear.

But the candles that glow

In our chapter tonight

Are the candles of friendship

That sweet guiding light,

A feeling so dear and so true

That we hold for you and for you."

(lights candle on her pedestal)
(Places white candle in first holder.)

ADAH: Friendship is a collection of virtues. One is fidelity to our convictions

of the duties of a friend if we would carry that title with honor.

(Places blue candle in second holder)

lights " " " her " on pedestal -

RUTH: Another virtue of friendship is our constancy to friends, not only the ones

of high station and wealth, but our constancy to those in humble circumstances

and 'tis there we often find our friendships are of purest gold.

(Places yellow candle in third holder)

Star Point
stand Behind
Station

ESTHER: To share each other's joys, to share each other's sorrows, is to express
the virtue of loyalty in friendship.
(Places white candle in fourth holder)

MARTHA: And faith--through dark times of doubt, friendship has faith, else--it is
not friendship.
(Places green candle in holder)

ELECTA: Love is that virtue of friendship, which fills our hearts with joy and cries,
"Wouldst that I could love thee more!
(Places red candle in holder)

CONDUCTRESS:

"And now all our candles
are burning so bright.
But this scene by tomorrow
May fade from your sight
And these words of our friendship
Just a memory be.
So lest you forget
Our fondness for you
There is still something yet
I would say to you--"
(Deposits candle in last holder)

The Star Points take their stations, the Conductress and Associate Conductress
going to East. Approaching the East, the Conductress, addressing the ladies, says:

"May your troubles be all bubbles,
May your skies be always blue,
May nature's green be just reminders
Of faith that's found in friendships true."
(she presents each with a gift)

ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS (to men):

"and to you, our honored brothers,
I have another word to say
Symbolic of the light to others
You have shed along your way.
May true loyalty in friendships
Be your blessing day by day."
(presents each with a gift)

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