AT THE FOOT OF THE RAINBOW

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Installation Ceremony
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SUGGESTED DECORATION

Make rather heavy cardboard in form of a rainbow with rainbow colors. Make pots of gold at each end and place keywords, lettered on them. Rainbow may hang or be tacked on the wall in the east. You may desire to use your Worthy Matron's colors in making the pots and motto.

When the Worthy Matron elect has taken the vow and is ready to be escorted to the East, the organist starts playing music to that old favorite, which is so often sung at weddings, 'At Dawning'. (Appropriate words for installation are included here below. Soloist, quartette, or choir sings)

"BECAUSE"

Installation Song. To music "At Dawning"

TO NEWLY INSTALLED WORTHY MATRON:

Because, you came tonight, with fondest dreams.
Our prayer for you is sent on rainbow beams:***
A lovely year, with har-mon-y (peace and joy), we sight
Because, this is Your night!

Because you are so gracious and so kind (have such patience and are kind),
Our wishes for great happiness (success and joy) are thine;
And may your heart be filled with joys anew,
Because, This is for You!

Because, God gave thee grace, we'll honor thee,
Through days and nights of all eternity,
And pray His Love will bless you through all the years.
Because, your work is here!

PLAN FOR ESCORT

If your hall isn't too large and the escort can arrive in proper position at song's end, ask your leaders to start coming into the chapter room when the Soloist starts singing the words, 'Our prayer for you is sent on rainbow beams'.

In number, the escort may consist of 8, 10, 12, or more. You might like to ask the officers or some of the very active members of your Rainbow Girls' Assembly to act as your escorts. They will, in their lovely bright evening dresses, make a very pretty escort. Or, you may prefer asking O. E. S. members or Past Matrons to form the escort; the color of their dress is optional with you. They enter as per diagram I found below in ceremony.

Crepe paper or cellophane streamers consisting of the many colored hues found in the rainbow may be stitched at intervals as per illustration, and draped loosely over the arms or shoulders as escorts enter. Those escorts which go along the North have theirs over their left while those entering at the South carry theirs over the right.

May we suggest that you line the escorts in regard to height with the short girls entering first. The very first escort entering at North door and the first entering by the South door should each carry a pot of gold with the Worthy Matron's watchword or motto in front of them as they enter.

Be sure that the streamers are cut long enough so that as they are stretched to form a rainbow the whole will reach across the front of the East dias.

Leave ends loose. Cut streamers 1 to 1" wide. The width may be altered if you prefer.

*** Escorts start coming through doors of preparation room.

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When the Worthy Matron is escorted to the East, she enters inside the lines of escort. When she has stepped about four steps inside on the way to the dais in the East, the escorts turn to face the East and proceed East too. They go to the right and to the left as the diagram shows so that when she is ready to ascend the dais an archway is formed. (See Diagrams 2 and 3)

Diagram 2.

In turning to face west, you will find that you can turn only one way in order to hold your streamers in front. Those on left can turn around to the left and those on right have to turn right.

Diagram 3.

Rainbow arch decoration in East.

This diagram gives the relative positions of the twelve girls. The two center girls will extend one arm toward the other so that an arch is formed in the center of the rainbow.
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Rainbow streamers should be held at graduated heights so that there appears to be a rainbow in the East.

The organist starts playing 'Over the Rainbow' (or 'I'm Always Chasing Rainbows') while the girls stand momentarily in front so that all can see the rainbow, then they retire. After all officers have been installed, the organist starts playing the music to the song 'Oh, Promise Me'. (Optional.) Either five rainbow girls, or five escorts, or the five retiring points enter bearing the bibles or flowers to be given to each newly installed point. They go as per diagram and hand the bible or flowers to the Worthy Matron as she needs it.

The newly installed Worthy Matron descends her chair and proceeds to Adah's chair. As the soloist (or the Worthy Matron can sing if she desires) sings the words appropriate to Adah, the Worthy Matron receives the bible or flowers from the escort who is standing by Adah's chair. This in turn she gives to Adah. She follows this procedure for all points and then returns to the East.

Escort retires.

WORDS ADAPTED TO SONG, "O, PROMISE ME"

TO ADAH:

Oh, promise me that you will, through the year,
Tell us of Adah's love, unselfish, dear,
How she, with courage, kept her father's vow,
In order not to bring shame to his brow.
Please take this bible (gift, flower) that I have for you. (Given present)
And let (may) its contents (Blue Bonnet) ever speak anew
Of hope, which always in our life must be!
Oh, promise me; oh, promise me!

(During the following musical interlude
she walks to Ruth.)

TO RUTH:

Oh, promise me that you will, in your way,
Show constancy to everyone each day,
And let us hear your story oft retold;
Ruth staying by Naomi, who was old.
Here is a bible (Blue Bonnet) which I have for you.
(Presents bible or flower)
Its contents (Blue Bonnet) bring(s) this promise which is true:
For where you go, you'll find I go with thee!
Oh, promise me; oh, promise me!

(Presses to Esther)

TO ESTHER:

Oh, promise me that you will loyal be;
And tell us of sweet Esther's purity.
Remind us of her courage, noblest of the kind,
When her petition she did bravely bring.
So let this bible (Flower) which I give to you,
Remain a symbol of a queen, so true.
Whose actions spoke of loving loyalty.
Oh, promise me; oh, promise me!

(Presses to Martha's station)

TO MARTHA:

Oh, promise me that you will, sister, dear,
Be a speak of faith that is without a fear.
For Martha did believe in Godly might.
Let a ray come from out the core, all right.
Take then, this bible (green spray) so that you may see
The promises of immortality.
And show us just how, strong a faith can be.
Oh, promise me; oh, promise me!

(Presses to Eliza's station)
TO ELECTA:

Oh, promise me that you will speak of love.  
That love which is beneath, around, above;  
And let the cup you offer overflow.  
With kindness which Electa once did show.  
I give this bible (flown) just in memory,  
Of her whose virtues we praise fervently.  
So may you let your love grow constantly!  
Oh, promise me; oh, promise me!

(Retires to station in East or to place near Chaplain.)

TO ALL:

Oh, promise me that each day you will try.  
To see a rainbow stretched across the sky;  
And let its colors glow upon your eyes.  
Bringing the promise of true paradise.  
Finding what happiness true virtue brings.  
Let's do the best we can in everything.  
Then full of riches all our days will be!  
Oh, promise me; oh, promise me!

(Sits)

Music while escorts file out.

The End.