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Worthy Matron: Welcome

Song for Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron: (Tune: "At Dawning")

1. When our star shines on High, Welcome here! Harken (listen) to our ringing cry Welcome here! When the Nodding flowers say This is such a lovely day Because you have come our way. You're welcome; You're welcome!

2. Colored rays are shining bright, Just for you May your heart enjoy their light Pure and true! Our good wishes for you meet, Burst with fullness at your feet As we sing our Welcome, sweet! We love you; We love you!

1st escort: (For W.G.M. and W.G.P.)

If we could be an artist, We'd paint a picture rare, A scene of historical ages, And I'm sure we'd find you there.

Back in the heavenly distance, A glowing star shines down, Spreading its ray of gladness O'er valley, hill, and town.

2nd escort:

And tripping down the mountain side, Fair Adah's form we see. 'Tis you in face, in thought, in deed, Ruth gleans in kindly patience In faith, and fidelity.

And down in a lower Valley, Amid the golden grain It's you we meet again.

3rd escort:

Between the field and the mountain The river Tiger flows And there a King by his Castle And you in queenly clothes.

Loyally you've served your people Leaving footprints on the sand, Half of our Kingdom we'd give you For love of our Matron and Patron Grand.

4th escort:

Across in a wayside village There's a rustic Church on the green And those who seek to tear it down, Are lowly, base, and mean.

But you in your regal glory, Stand forth with a cross of gold, Sharing strength, and love, and kindness, With feeble, young, and old.

5th escort:

With all of these splendid virtues, What more can anyone say Than you are more than Welcome in our Chapter, From now, "Till Eternity's Day"!

6th escort:

We hope that sometime in the future when you think of this night, that your memory will bring to mind a very lovely and beautiful picture.

Because it has been a thrill and joy to have you with us, we have tried to wield our brush with loving hands. We have used only the very loveliest colors of Faith, Hope, Charity, Love, and Constancy. We hope you have found our efforts pleasing.

We'd like to give this small token as a material remembrance of the pleasure which your coming has given the picture which we shall have of this evening. In I add that we hope your memory will often flash back and bring to mind the picture of this night.