A WELCOME CEREMONY - FOR MONTH OF APRIL - For a Special Guest #12

SOLO: "April Showers"

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Five star point officers and associate matron present the ceremony. Each carrying a Japanese umbrella and a nosegay of violets. The gift from the chapter concealed in the associate matron's nosegay.

They make an aisle for the special guest. Adah presents the guest a partly closed umbrella with violets attached to streamers that hold the umbrella partially open. (Same Japanese umbrella as others carry.)

Adah says - "It isn't raining rain, it's raining violets.
   The violet speaks of modesty. A virtue we admire in you."

(She places her violets in the guest's umbrella and each officer does the same, following her speech.)

Ruth - "A soft yellow light shines through the rain tonight,
   Violets wish to tell, your duties, you've done so well."

Esther - "White to purify the day, The royal hue of violets say
   Courage and loyalty we give to you."

Martha - "The green in every flower bed binds every tiny flower.
   It is for faith, The faith we have in you.

Electa - "The red of the sunset glow Shines in all it's glory
   For the love we have for you."

Associate Matron - "May our April Showers bring you much happiness and
   great achievements.

Floor work for ceremony:

The Marshal, carrying the umbrellas and violets in a flat basket, delivered an umbrella and violets to each star point officer. The associate matron had hers in her pedestal, also, the loosely opened umbrella.

Ruth started first; Second - Adah; Third - Esther. When Ruth reaches Martha she takes her right arm. When Adah reaches Electa, she takes her right arm. Associate Matron comes up and takes Esther's right arm. (With a little practice you will get the right timing.)

When the three couples reach the east, they face each other and Martha, Electa, and Asso. Matron take two steps backward. This forms the aisle for the guest.

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This ceremony was used at Williamsburg Chapter in April 1955 when Virginia Jones, District Instructor was presented, and an honored guest.