

Through the Gate O. E. S. GRAND
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This addendum was given following the closing of chapter and before the closing march. The ceremony requires the Worthy Matron, Chaplain, Conductress and Starpoints. The singing was by the sextette. The Bible was opened on the Altar before the ceremony and left open until after the closing march due to the difficulty of removing the wreath.

Worthy Matron rises and speaks: Sister secretary, will you read the names of those of our Order who have departed from us.

Sister Secretary: (reads names)

Worthy Matron: The Eastern Star shines o'er a garden of beautiful flowers, sweet with fragrance, and radiant with color and light. Through this garden we pass, enjoying its beauty and sharing in its service. There at the side is an open gate, through which we must all pass when the harvest is ripe. Some of our dear ones have already passed through and are resting in that beautiful land where night is no more. Truly:

The flowers at morning face the sun,
They bow their heads at eventide;
They know that soon their day is done,
In friendly twilight they must hide.
But still their fragrance lingers on,
And we remember, - We, who wait, -
Those who, to meet the King, anon,
Have journeyed onward through the gate.

The Chaplain and Conductress will leave the Chapter room and prepare to drape the chapter in memory of those who have left our garden.

The Chaplain and Conductress leave the Chapter room as the organist plays softly, "I Believe". Starpoints rise and walk behind their chairs to light their candles on their pedestals, return to side of chairs and remain standing while Worthy Matron calls up Chapter as Conductress, with drape, and Chaplain, with wreath, re-enter from the preparation room. Warder has dimmed all lights except for the one over the Altar. Chaplain remains at Altar for prayer.

Chaplain: There is no death, for so our garden teaches.
The leaves may fall, and flowers may fade away;
This is but Winter, though our hearts seem broken,
Dear Lord, Sustain us till the coming May.-
The spring of Resurrection always cometh,
Then comfort give, eternally, I pray.

Worthy Matron seats the Chapter as Chaplain leaves the labyrinth. When she has returned to station, the Starpoints rise, going back of their chairs to the Altar and place flowers appropriate to their station on the wreath and return to their stations. The sextette then sings, "I Believe". This concludes the ceremony after which the officers march out.