BEYOND THE SUNSET
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Speech by Worthy Matron:
We come to this solemn hour to pay tribute to the memory of those who were
our members, and who have now gone to join the Great Order above. To us, death
is veiled in mystery, but Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions. I
go to prepare a place for you, and if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come
again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also". The
Secretary will read the names of our departed members. (Reading of names maybe
omitted.)

Beyond the sunset they have gone to that fair land of love,
And Orders now are forming in our Father's house above;
May our lives be pure and holy, that we may not live in vain,
And when our days are ended, we'll complete again our chain.

Conductress, Associate Conductress, and Star points are each provided with lighted
candles. After Worthy Matron speaks, they rise and Star points stand at stations.
Conductress and Associate Conductress pass to positions south and north of Altar
respectively, all facing East.

Associate Matron, with basket of flowers approaches the
East, and places flowers at foot of dais as soft music of
some appropriate song is played. Suggestions for songs:

Abide With Me
Have Thine Own Way
Beautiful Isle of Somewhere
Beyond The Sunset

After placing flowers at foot of dais, Associate Matron turns and speaks:

These flowers I bring in tribute to loved ones gone before,
They've passed within the portals and await at Heaven's door;
Like sunshine in their memory that calls for blossoms fair,
We must not grieve for those who've gone and now await us there.
For Heaven is like a garden, so full of flowers too,
So fragrant in their beauty to bloom the whole year through;
These flowers placed together will speak of memory dear,
And bring to hearts so troubled, our love and words of cheer.

Soloist closes service with appropriate song, after which officers return to stations.

Associate Matron may collect flowers from Star points before candle service if desired.
Flowers may be of one color, or colors appropriate to their stations.

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