A Floral Farewell to a Retiring Officer

WORTHY MATRON:

As Worthy Matron & Worthy Patron, our tasks for the year have been enjoyable ones. This ceremony this evening is rather an exception. There are no joyous words that bid farewell, and yet we can be comforted in knowing that when our Secretary takes leave of her office, she will continue to meet with us.

Sister Conductress, will you approach the East?

CONDUCTRESS:

Dear Sister Secretary, will you give me the honor of escorting you through the rays of our Star, whose brilliant colors glow especially for you tonight? Soft words of farewell await you at each lovely point, and the beautiful symbol of our Order awaits your coming.

ADAH

The point of Adah is quite blue;
Perhaps the thought of losing you
Has helped its tone to grow more deep;
Oh, how this little flower must weep!
(Adah presents her flower to the Secretary)

RUTH:

As Ruth, my point of purest gold
Is in the flower that I hold
It's glow has bathed your 19 year stay
With highlights that reflect each ray.
(Ruth presents her flower to the Secretary)

ESTHER:

Queen Esther, with her lily white
Bids you a fond farewell tonight
The pureness of this lovely one
Has graced each single thing you've done.
(Esther presents her flower to the Secretary)

MARtha:

And Martha smiles through parting tears
At one whose heart and soul forever
the faith immortal that she knew
And placed within this pine for you.
(Martha presents her greenery to the Secretary)
ELECTA:

Electa's love is in this rose,
   And may it's symbol e'er repose
Within your heart who God decreed
   Should see our Star and know it's need.
   (Electa presents her flower to the Secretary)

ASSOCIATE MATRON:

This satin bow combines and ties
   The sentiment each flower implies;
And you'll find doubled in it's fold.
   The wishes of the blooms it holds.

Secretary is escorted to the East.
Worthy Matron presents her with gift from the Chapter

CHAPLAIN:

   Heavenly Father, in the sanctity of this room, where our souls find peace
and our hearts find quiet, we behold Thy Written Word in deepest reverence. We
ask a special blessing for Sister Miriam, who has given such devoted service.
As the disciples of Jesus sought to extend the knowledge of Thy Divine lessons, so
has she in her humble way, extolled the virtues of the Blessed Truth of Life. Amen.

Soft music should be played by the organist during the time that the Conductress escorts
the officer around the room.