

Our Rainbow Garden

The Marshal invites the new Worthy Advisor or honored guest to enter the Rainbow Garden. While organist plays soft music, they approach the color stations who recite verses and present flowers to Worthy Advisor or honored guest. After Marshal gives closing verse, the soloist may sing, "In the Garden."

As Marshal walks from her station to the Bow

Marshal repeats, Dear _____:

"There are gardens that bloom for the eye alone
But there is one that blooms for the heart.
Our Rainbow Garden, we welcome you in
Is made with Heaven's glorious art.
There breathes from it courage and purpose high
To live each day aright.
Purity, light, and joy undefiled
That illumines the darkest night.
A faith that endures and constant love
Hope and charity, supreme,
Here lives and paths forever blend
Blessed by our Rainbow's sheen."

Marshal repeats, "My Sister, what message from Rainbow's Garden do you exemplify?"

This is repeated at each station approach.

Love repeats,

Dear _____:

"I find in our Rainbow Garden
A vision of love sublime,
A love that endureth forever
An influence for all time.
May we with fervent longing
Turn to our God of love.
Ye are my friends, if ye do these things'
Blessed promise from the Father above."

Dear _____;

With these flowers of reddish hue We pledge for you, this love so true."

Religion repeats,

"I find in our Rainbow Garden
A guidance for every day,
A book of wisdom and knowledge
To bless us all the way.
Seek this faith of our Fathers,
A faith that is living still.
You will find strength and courage
A fervency to do His will."

Dear _____:

"With these flowers of orange hue, To religion we pledge our lives anew."

Nature repeats,

"I find in our Rainbow Garden
God's handiwork of love,
The wondrous beauties of nature
Reflecting His glory above.
Lives of character and purity
Will sway this world aright,
May we humbly seek this glory
And become a power and might."

Dear _____;

"Within these flowers of golden hue Lies our pledge of constancy, for you."

Immortality repeats,

"I find in our Rainbow Garden
A promise of God's infinite grace.
Life, beyond the gloom and strife
With our savior, face to face.
Let joy and happiness reign supreme
Since all living is not in vain.
With Martha's faith within our hearts,
We know, we shall live again."

Dear _____;

"Entwined within this garland of green Our faith and trust in you is seen."

Fidelity repeats,

"I find in our Rainbow Garden
A lesson of courage, high
Fair Adah, who for love and honor
Was not afraid to die.
May we ever look to Jesus
For courage to live aright
That into all the shadows
We may send our rays of light."

Dear _____;

"With these flowers of azure hue
We pledge for you, fidelity true."

Patriotism repeats,

"I find in our Rainbow Garden
Patriotism, sincere and true.
A noble service united
That holds to the red, white, and blue.
Oh beautiful flag of our country
Look down upon this gathering fair.
Inspire us with courage for freedom
For this we deeply care."

Dear _____;

"With these flowers of deepest blue
We pledge for our country, loyalty new."

Service repeats,

I find in our Rainbow Garden
Service willing and true.
Forgetting self for one another
In all that we say and do.
As we journey through Life's Garden
May we be willing to share
The sorrows and burdens of others,
Help to lighten all worldly care."

Dear _____;

"Within these flowers of violet hue Lies our earnest pledge of willing service, for you."

Marshal repeats in closing, as she walks honored guest to the East

"So may the violet, the blues, yellow, orange, and green
And the red with its fervent hue,
Keep the memories of this garden fair
Aglow in the heart of you.
Though these flowers may lose their radiant bloom
Their fragrance will abide with you
Bringing peace and rest in God's loving care
When your years of service are through."