

ROSE LECTURE

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The Rose Lecturer (carrying the roses in her arms) takes her place in front of the just initiated Sisters.

Rose Lecturer: My Sister(s), I now extend to you a hearty welcome into our Assembly. Rainbow teaches duty four-fold: duty to God, to country, to parents, and to each other.

It also teaches harmony and friendship. The Rainbow grasp of friendship reaches beyond the door of this Assembly Room, across the vast lands of the United States, and then across the expanse of oceans to other girls in every other part of the world. You are now a link in this great undying chain of friendship. Ever remember: "A chain is as strong as its weakest link." And now I would like to give you a short verse entitled "My Hand in God's."

Each morning when I wake I say,
"I place my hand in God's today."
I know He'll walk close by my side,
My every wandering step to guide.
He leads me with the tenderest care,
When paths are dark and I despair.
No need for me to understand,
If I but hold fast to His hand.
My hand in His – no greater way
To go in safety through each day.
By his great bounty I am fed.
Warmed by His love, and comforted.
And when at day's end I seek my rest,
And realize how much I'm blessed,
My thanks pour out to Him, and then
I place my hand in God's again.



Tonight you knelt at the White Altar of the Holy Promise. You pledged your life to Love and Service. You held the hand of God. So now each morning when you awake and look upon the pages of your open Bible, remember that you once held the hand of God. And then, place your hand in His and look forward to a new day with renewed courage and faith.

(The Rose Lecturer gives each girl a red rose.)

On this occasion I have placed in your hand a rose. This small red Rose of the Rainbow symbolizes a girl's love and devotion to her mother who has made this day possible for her to enjoy, through sacrifices and prayer. So tonight, when you tell your mother, or someone who has taken her place, about this ceremony, give her your rose. And when you kiss her good night remind her that you love her. (The girls sit.)

(The Rose Lecturer then follows the marching lanes West, South, and East, entering the Altar from the South. As she places the remaining roses on the Altar, she continues the ritual below.)

And now, in the memory of every girl's mother, and those who have passed into the Golden City Beyond, I place these remaining roses upon the Altar, and bid you welcome into Rainbow, with the hope that the words Love and Service will lead you through a happy and successful life.

(The Rose Lecturer returns to her seat, leaving the Altar from the North.)