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Dedicated to my Mother  
Christiane Luques McGowen

"Maman, I am so grateful for you!"

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**Welcome**

A welcome and a greeting now,  
To gentle friends and sisters true,  
Around the place where Masons bow,  
And pay their homage due;  
On Checkered Floor, 'neath Starry Sky,  
Welcome, kind friends of Masonry!

To her who finds a Father here;  
Or Brother's strong and trusty hand;  
To her who mourns the lost and dear,  
Once cherished in our band;  
To her who Husband's love doth own,  
Greeting and Welcome, every one!

Welcome the *light* our emblems shed;  
Welcome the *hopes* yon volume gives -  
Welcome the *love* our Covenants spread,  
The *wages* each receives;  
And when is past life' toilsome week,  
Welcome the Home that Masons seek.

Robert Macoy -

**Opening Ode**

Gathered in our CONSTELLATION,  
From the outer world secure  
We here mingle our devotion  
With affections chaste and pure

Here, before our altar bending,  
Every passion we abjure,  
With our aspirations blending,  
Hear us, Lord, and keep us pure.

From Temptations, Strife, and Danger,  
Guide and guard us with Thy hand,  
Fill our hearts with kind compassion,  
Bless with Peace this chosen band.

Thine be endless praises given,  
God of Love, of Life Divine,  
Raise us to Thy throne in Heaven,  
Where Thy glories radiant shine.

**Ode to Faith**

BY FAITH our souls are onward led,  
By it a steady course we steer:  
By FAITH our drooping souls are fed,  
Revived and strengthened by its cheer,

By FAITH we pass this "vale of tears,"  
Safe and secure though oft distrest;  
By FAITH, disarmed of every fear,  
We go rejoicing to our rest.

**Ode to Hope**

Sweet HOPE! Thy peaceful influence lend,  
No more to grieve for sorrows past;  
In all our thoughts thy influence lend,  
That we may safe arrive at last.

Lord, upon Thee, our hopes we stay,  
To lead us on to Thy abode,

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Assured Thy Love, will far o'erpay  
Our hardest toil upon the road.

**Ode to Charity**

Sweet balm of Peace, thy fervid glow,  
Within our hearts, a sacred spark:  
Makes us to feel another's woe  
Revives the soul, when all is dark.

To Thee we turn, in sorrowing need,  
Imploring Thy bright influence here:  
When sorrows lower - we humbly plead,  
That Thou wilt guide, and banish fear.

**Ode of Welcome**

Welcome sister, thou hast spoken,  
Vows which never must be broken;  
Thee to us, and us to thee,  
Binding in eternity.

**Closing Ode**

Now our labors are ended, to God let us raise,  
Like incense uprising, a sweet song of praise,  
To Him who redeemed us, who makes us to move,  
In the bright paths of Virtue, of Honor and Love.

Ascribe to Jehovah one glad song of Praise,  
Who watches our movements and lengthens our days,  
Who guards us from danger, whose Spirit is nigh,  
To shield and support us, and check every sigh.

*Constellation Ritual of the A.M.R.A. (1869)*  
*(Ancient Masonic Rite of Adoption)*  
By James B. Taylor, G.S

**F.A.T.A.L.**

Fairest of Souls above  
Are those who suffered here;  
They gave the sacrifice of Love  
To prove their hearts sincere.

Among the ranks of earth  
Our noblest oft are hid;  
But God will call his chosen forth,  
And crown the humble head.

Ten thousand anxious thoughts  
Do oft our prayers oppress;  
But he who reigns in heavenly courts  
Will surely hear and bless.

And altogether blest  
Are those who know the Lord:  
The grave will kindly yield its guest  
To his resistless word.

Lovely upon the shore  
Of Jordan's stream she stands,  
Who gave her life for Christ and bore  
His witness in her hands.

*Manual of the Order of the Eastern Star (1866)*

**Our Star**

What do I think when I see our Star?  
I think of a glow in the heavens—far  
Down the ages—guiding the way,  
Where a babe in an humble manger lay.  
The Book of Books, with its stories old,  
Come stealing into my heart, new-told.  
Sometimes the star gleams a heavenly blue

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Then I think of a daughter, with love so true,  
That she gave herself – with a kiss – to die,  
Lest her father a vow to his God deny.  
Then I pray that conviction of Duty and Right  
May rule in my life – like the Star – pure and bright.

Sometimes the star seems to glisten pure gold,  
Then I think of a widow, dependent, old  
Brought back and made glad in the home of her youth,  
By the unselfish love of the ditiful Ruth.  
Then I wonder – if duty should point me away  
From home, country, kindred, all – would I obey?

Sometimes the star has a snow-white sheen,  
Then I think of a slave who became a good queen,  
But forgot not her people; was willing to give  
Crown and life – unless they wee permitted to live.  
Then I long for the love that she knew;  
Long to be to my sisters and brothers as true.  
Sometimes from our star a soft green ray is shed,  
Then I think of a sister who wept for her dead;  
And knew the sweet comfort to hear Jesus say,  
“Because thou believest – he liveth today.  
Then I marvel and grieve that my faith is so small,  
Since I have such sure proof He is near, if I call.

Sometimes the star glows as red as a rose,  
Then I think of a mother who loyally chose  
To die for the faith that had taught her to be  
A disciple of Truth and sweet Charity.  
Then I feel that no power in the world can dismay  
Those who love one another – are true day by day.

Soon these visions fade, but always I see  
The Master who wandered in old Galilee;  
Who lived pure and spotless in word and in deed,  
And taught love and kindness to all who would heed.  
Then I know that His love blesses even the least  
One who loves Him and follows the Star in the East.

Unknown

**Order of the Eastern Star**

**O** is for the Opportunities you have made for yourself  
**R** is for the Reality of knowing yourself  
**D** is for the Devotion you have to God  
**E** is for the Everlasting beauty you possess  
**R** is for the Realization of what you mean to others  
**O** is for the Openness of mind you possess  
**F** is for the Freedom of body, mind, and spirit you have  
**E** is for the Everlasting youth you express  
**A** is for the Awareness of life you possess  
**S** is for the Salvation of the body, mind, and spirit  
**T** is for the Truthfulness in your face  
**E** is for the Elegant way you carry yourself  
**R** is for the Rarity of personalities like yours  
**N** is for the Noble person you are  
**S** is for the Saviour that you have always remembered  
**T** is for the Temptations that you have always resisted  
**A** is for the Almighty that you have always served  
**R** is for the Resurrection of hope that you inspire in others  
**S** is for the Salvation of the soul that you strive for  
From the times of Solomon when Sheba shown so bright,  
May you my Sisters continue to be the Stars that shine in the East.

Byron E. Hams, WP  
OES PHA

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**Our Eastern Star**

A patch of blue, from out the sky  
A bit of golden sun,  
A fleecy cloud went sailing by,  
That's how our white was won.  
A bit of fern gave us our green  
And then our red we found,  
In lovely sunsets it was seen  
For miles and miles around.

A gift from God, these colors were  
Bestowed upon our "Star,"  
Their glory shines upon this earth  
For members near and far,  
Now may their symbols ever reign  
Until this world shall end,  
As clear and clean from any stain  
As they are now, my friend.

Unknown

*Joyce Fuller*

**The Eastern Star**

We are members of the Order of the Eastern Star  
May I tell you what I see when I look at the Star.

**This point is blue –**

for the blue rays of truth of the words He gave to you  
that the first lesson of the Star

**This point is yellow –**

for the yellow rays of manna He rain from Heaven  
that the second lesson of the Star

**This point is white –**

for the white rays of “joy” the Savior was born that  
night that the third lesson of the Star

**This point is green –**

we all know what it means in return for His love in  
Him put your trust that the fourth lesson of the Star

**This point is red –**

because of His love for us His blood was shed that  
the fifth lesson of the Star

Don Griffith, Past Master #55, OES GGC

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**Twinkle, Twinkle, Eastern Star**

Twinkle, twinkle, Eastern Star,  
How we wonder what you are.  
Are you kind and good and true  
As you pass this old world through?

Do you shine with beauty bright,  
Shedding rays of love and light?  
As we view you from afar,  
Are you truly an Eastern Star?

When the way is hard to tread,  
And we seem so far from God.  
Do you shine with beauty bright?  
Do you twinkle with all your might?

When your day of rest has come,  
And your bark is nearing home,  
If the Master can only say:  
"Come, you have twinkled all the way."

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### **The Eastern Star**

A Builder built himself a home  
So looking around for an appropriate stone.

He chanced upon a sapphire blue,  
And a topaz of golden hue,  
Then a diamond of beauty rare,  
And an emerald he added there.

And with these he placed a ruby for love,  
Then asked for a blessing from above.

This foundation he gathered from near and far,  
And called it then, "The Eastern Star."

*Star-Lights*

### **The Eastern Star**

Taking time to teach someone to be their better self.  
Helping them to understand, knowledge over wealth.  
Earning trust is paramount, Caring helps a lot.  
Ever living God filled lives, giving all you've got.  
A sister is a special breed who takes you by the hand.  
Stepping right up to the plate, working on demand.  
Tireless she gives her all to build upon the order.  
Enter now a brand new soul, an eastern driven daughter.  
Realize your full potential, know just who you are.  
Not that you don't shine within, just like a shining star.  
Stand firm upon your principles or fall for anything.  
Taking small and splintered scraps of what the world may bring.  
Ask yourself a simple question, "Am I ready for the Tasks?"  
Ready at a moments notice to do just what God asks!

Bro. David Brown, WM  
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**The Sign of the Star**

In many places round the world  
There is a flag that's oft unfurled.  
Its pure white field no stain should mar.  
It bears the sign of Eastern Star.  
We took a pattern from the star  
That guided Wise Men from afar.  
Each point became a shining ray,  
A chart and compass for each day.

To our beloved red, white and blue  
Was added green and yellow, too.  
And every color is the key  
To secret signs twixt you and me.  
Our open Bible holds the creed  
For all mankind – fills every need,  
And from its holy pages are  
The precepts of our Eastern Star.

On foreign soil, in native land,  
In every state, a loyal band  
Who, by this sign, proclaim they are  
The Order of the Eastern Star.

Sis. Dorothy Trimble, PM  
OES GGC

Star Point Pledges

**Blue**

With these violets from the azure blue,  
I pledge for our Adahs a Fidelity true;  
Each happy and willing their part to do,  
To make this year the very best—just for you.

**Yellow**

I bring you a ray from the shining sun,  
Our Ruths' pledge of Constancy in all that is done;  
And with it a wish  
That you may have health and happiness  
And your every effort be crowned with success.

**White**

As pure as the White ray we know you to be,  
And our Esthers pledge you their Loyalty;  
You are our noble Queen  
And may the Eastern Star  
Shed its bright radiance on you from afar.

**Green**

Martha teaches us of Faith, and so in you  
We have an unbounded faith in all that you do.  
May God's richest blessing be with you each day,  
With His hand to guide you each step of the way.

**Red**

Electa teaches us of Truth and Love  
Truly a blessing inspired by the One from above;  
In your year of service may there come to you  
True love and true friendships  
That will last your life through.

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