

## Baby Dedication

*The mothers and babies should be seated along the North East.*

**WORTHY ADVISOR:** Sister of Faith, you will conduct the mothers and their baby daughters to the West, facing East.

**SONG:** I think, when I read that sweet story of old,  
When Jesus was here among men,  
How He called little children as lambs to His fold,  
I should have liked to have been with them then.

**WORTHY ADVISOR:** Where did you come from baby dear?

**FAITH:** Out of the everywhere into the here.

**WORTHY ADVISOR:** Where did you get your eyes so blue?

**FAITH:** Out of the sky as I came through.

**WORTHY ADVISOR:** Where did you get that little tear?

**FAITH:** I found it waiting when I got here.

**WORTHY ADVISOR:** What makes your forehead so smooth and high?

**FAITH:** A soft hand stroked it as I went by.

**WORTHY ADVISOR:** Where did you get that pearly ear?

**FAITH:** God spoke, and it came out to hear.

**WORTHY ADVISOR:** Feet, whence did you come; you darling things?

**FAITH:** From the same box as the Cherubs wings.

**WORTHY ADVISOR:** How did they all just come to be you?

**FAITH:** God thought about me, and so I grew.

**WORTHY ADVISOR:** But how did you come to us, baby dear?

**FAITH:** God thought of you, and so I am here.

**SONG:** "Look to the Rainbow" or "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". (Faith and the mother and baby remain in the West during the song, and then the W.A. speaks to the mother)

**WORTHY ADVISOR:** You who have been so close to Rainbow. As a Rainbow Girl will know the great lessons which it teaches, and these will be reflected in the life of your daughter. Fortunate is the baby born in the home where love and companionship are at its roots. Your Church has a real place in your daily living and so your baby is given its start in the way of a true Christian life. The Sisters of Hope and Charity have more lessons for you and your baby daughter.

*(Faith travels with mother and baby to Hope's Station)*

**FAITH:** Sister of Hope do you have a message for this mother and her baby daughter?

**HOPE:** Teach your baby to be as gentle as the dew of dawn settling on a blade of grass. Show her the grandeur in a ragged leaf, and in a winding road, and in a single star. Teach her to be forgiving, tolerant, kind - for kindness is lovelier than any glittering gown, or silver slipper. Show her the greatness of all simple things, and the majesty of a roaring, foaming sea. Place in her hands the shining thread with which to weave ideals, and with which to bind securely the love of life, given her by you.

*(Faith travels with mother and baby to Charity's Station, going West, then North)*

**FAITH:** Sister of Charity, do you have a message for this mother and her baby daughter?

**CHARITY:** Teach your daughter that if she would be great, she would make good use of common things--a tiny house with curtains, a fireplace. a grate of cinders, a kitchen and a man and child. Give to her the knowledge you have gained from singing winds, bending trees, and wistful smiles. Point out to her the sun behind the cloud. that she may never cry to God. "You did not hear!" Give to her a belief in books, though they be but paper and worn, and with cracked binding, for if she would know peace in spirit and in heart, she would read with all the eagerness of a flower forcing its bloom up.--up above the earth. And lastly, teach her to love as quietly as the magic passing of the moon over a smooth clear sky.

*(Faith travels with mother and baby to the East)*

**WORTHY ADVISOR:** You have heard the messages of the Sisters of Hope and Charity. They spoke of little things-the things we so often take for granted, such as the stars that shine at night. Were there but one, would we not gaze upon it with awe and wonder? A million, we scarcely see. We trust you will teach your daughter the beauty of the commonplace, and what life has in store for her.

*(Faith travels with mother and baby to the Station of the W.A.A.)*

**WORTHY ASSOC. ADVISOR:** The members of this Assembly of Rainbow present you this Rainbow Bible, with the trust that you will give it to your daughter upon her initiation into Rainbow. Begin soon, however, to teach her from your family Bible (Holy Book) that "It is the Book of right living for all."

*(Faith travels with the mother and baby to a point in front of the Altar, forming a semi-circle, facing West. The color station officer will advance to the Altar, give her lecture and then present the ribbon of her color to the mother and baby, and return to her place)*

**LOVE:** This is the station of Love, where we teach, "Love Is of God, and when we love we are like Him." The red ribbon in her Bible will remind her of a prayer made at this hour, that in her love for others she may grow more like Him.

**RELIGION:** This is the station of Religion, where purity of living and purity of action obtain much importance. The orange ribbon in her Bible will remind her of a prayer made at this hour, that early in her life she became identified with some church.

**NATURE:** This is the station of Nature, where freedom to commune with God has become a watchword. The yellow ribbon in her Bible will remind her of a prayer made at this hour, that day by day she seek out a spot to be alone with God.

**IMMORTALITY:** This is the station of Immortality, where we learn that even though the body may die, we shall live forever. The green ribbon in her Bible will remind her of a prayer made at this hour, while yet a child, she prepare for Life Eternal.

**FIDELITY:** This is the station of Fidelity, where the word when given becomes truly sacred. The blue ribbon in her Bible will remind her of a prayer made at this hour, that she be true to every vow.

**PATRIOTISM:** This is the station of Patriotism, where Flag and Country are taught to be more precious than life itself. The indigo ribbon in her Bible will remind her of a prayer made at this hour that she hold high her country's flag.

**SERVICE:** This is the station of Service, where the true gold in life is found in helping others. The violet ribbon in her Bible will remind her of a prayer made at this hour that her greatest joy will be in serving.

*(Faith travels with mother and baby to the Altar, facing East)*

**SONG:** *Sleep, my child and peace attend thee, all through the night; Guardian angels God will send thee, all through the night. Soft the drowsy hours are creeping, hill and dale in slumber steeping. I, my loving vigil keeping, all through the night. While the moon her watch is keeping, all through the night. While the weary world is sleeping, all through the night. O'er thy spirit gently stealing, vision of delight revealing. Breathes a pure and holy feeling, all through the night.*

**MOTHER ADVISOR:** You perhaps did not think when you were a Rainbow Girl that someday you would have a baby daughter, who might become a Rainbow Girl also. Your Baby's life is your own. Your Rainbow lessons will make it seem easier for you in your Baby's life. It is only the good things in life we seek, and the righteous by which we live. Some evening there will be a summer shower, when a beautiful rainbow will appear across the sky. Your baby will soon be old enough to understand. Teach her its colors, and the real meaning of each. It will seem that God is talking to you out of the Heavens. Rear your child in the realm of infinite faith as she grows to young womanhood, and one day, you will be preparing her for her initiation into Rainbow. You will find through the years, the Rainbow lessons to lean upon. You will never forget them, for they are deeply imbedded within your heart. You may feel that some are forgotten, but they will come slipping back to you in the stillness of the night. You will think of them over and over as your child grows into beautiful womanhood. May each of you be Blessed and may the lessons you have lived in Rainbow, live in the life of your daughter.

(Rap up for Benediction)

**CHAPLAIN:** O Father, who gave this small child to the Mother to love, May this love bring her closer to Thee. May the children of earth, who have known Thy Son, be more precious to her because of this child-her own. May she turn to Thee when fear and doubt fill her heart. May You guide her to the way of living, and teach her that We are all Thy children, now and forever. Amen.

(Faith seats mother and baby in the Assembly Room, and returns to her station)

(Soft music should be played during all marching)