

Star Points

Narrator: In the twelfth verse of the second chapter of the Song of Solomon, we read: “the flowers appear on the Earth; the time of the singing of birds is come” and in Ecclesiastes 10, verse 20, it states: “A bird of the air shall carry the voice.”

As early as the twentieth verse of the first chapter of Genesis, we learn that God in His infinite wisdom created birds that they might fly above the earth in the open firmament of Heaven.

From High Above the Mountaintops God sends His birds
His birds of multiple hue;
And these birds bring a message to man on Earth –
A message of what man must do.
The many colored birds reflect
Our heroines and who they are.
And thus the colored birds reflect
The message of our Star.

Out of the sacred pages of Scripture come the heroines of our Order. Each one brings a lesson, a direct admonition from the Word of God. From the lessons of Adah, we hear of her faithfulness to convictions of right and duty.

Hymn: High Above the Mountaintops”

Narrator:

A sword and veil, a father’s vow
A decision tragic, so meaningful now.
How could he know his vow could touch
The life of one he loved so much?
We too take vows in many things
On this sojourn of life and often it brings
A time of decision, “just what should I do,
Does it really matter, if my vow I hold true?”
From the Book of Judges, a lesson we learn,
That a vow is so sacred, we never should turn
From that which we promise...No. We never shall fall
And our star is our reminder with Adah’s sword and veil.

From the lesson of Ruth we hear her constancy, ever teaching faithful obedience to the demands of honor and justice.

Hymn: High above the mountaintops.

Narrator:

The beauty of a golden sheaf
Tells of a harvest when toil is done.
And that with patient industry
Blessings we reap, with the setting of the sun.
A gleaner fair, amid those fields
As recorded in the Book of Ruth.
Was touched by God for a plan divine
A reward for her constancy and truth.
Our golden sheaf will remind us,
Of Ruth's constancy from the bright golden glow
And the love inspired with her promise
"Whither though goest, I'll go."

From the lesson of Esther we hear of her pure and upright life.

Hymn: high above the mountaintops

Narrator:

A crown and scepter united –
A symbol of royalty and power.
Brought to us from the sacred Role of Esther,
A reminder of that heroine's finest hour.
That crown represents worldly treasures
Which so often we seek all in vain.
For without loyalty to kindred and brethren
There is so little else we could gain.
For what good are riches and power
When there is no one to love and to share?
Esther teaches the lesson of loyalty
And the purity which defeats all despair.

From the lesson of Martha we hear of hope and immortality.

Hymn: high above the mountaintops.

Narrator:

How often our lives are shattered
By the loss of one we hold dear;
And we find the deepest of sorrows
As our days are clouded by tears.
And then from the Star Point of Martha
Come those words upon which we rely –
"Whosoever liveth and believeth
in Me, shall never, never die."
Oh, beautiful broken column,
You mind us as this pathway we trod

That our pain, through deepest of sorrows
Is relieved by a trustful faith in God.

From the lesson of Electa we hear of charity and hospitality.

Hymn: high above the mountaintops

Narrator:

To gaze upon a silver cup
Is a reminder of the adoring respect
For which Electa felt for her Saviour's cross –
The cross she could not reject.
It's a reminder too of the charity
And the love she showed to others.
Of the Master's words: "As I have first loved you,
You ought surely to Love One Another."
This silver cup denotes all this
And Masonic traditions too.
It speaks of love for Country
And of courage, tried and true.
Yes, Electa's cup means many things
When the sea of life seems tempest tossed.
That we can be sheltered by His power
When we walk in the shadow of his Cross.