

Warder program Written and arranged by Diane Williamson, 1997

Song: Morning has broken

Narrator: At the beginning of time there was God. God created all things and in His wisdom, He chose from His creations one to be a messenger. This messenger had wings to soar effortlessly anywhere. Its color was snow white to represent purity. It was courageous, yet meek with a voice so soft that no man would be offended. God created and called him Dove.

Let us take a journey into the past and visit Dove's home from which all messages are received and delivered. Let us watch and listen as Dove, sitting upon his perch, prepares to receive from some Biblical senders, messages for delivery to future generations throughout the world.

Dove's Herald: Hark, Dove, Noah is here with a message to send.

Noah: Dove, it was during the chaotic days of the flood that you flew so courageously across the turbulent waters from the ark. And, when on one trip you delivered the olive branch, such great joy filled my heart, for t'was then I knew God had kept His covenant with me. We began life anew on earth with the spirit of hope and peace in our hearts. Dove, may thy presence be symbolic to all mankind evermore of that peace and hope, and a constant reminder that God kept His pledge to mankind. Farewell.

Song: Suddenly there is a valley.

Dove's Herald, Hark , Dove, Adah from Mizpah is here with a message to send.

Adah: Dove, my father had opened his mouth unto the Lord and could not go back. I was forlorn and weeping in the mountains when you appeared to me in the clouds overhead. So awesome was your sight that I knelt in prayer. A great peace came upon me as I knew you must surely have been sent by God as His messenger of truth; that it is only by dying that I will awaken to eternal life. May thy wings deliver this message to men of the future: The peace of the world can be no greater than the peace within ourselves. Farewell.

Song: Come Ye Faithful People Come.

Dove's Herald: Hark, Dove, Ruth and Boaz have a message to send.

Ruth: Many days past when Naomi and I were traveling to Bethlehem to Naomi's kinsman, we were tired and scarcely knowing which path to take, we stopped and rested under the branches of a tree. I saw then a dove flying with a stalk of wheat in yonder sky and following thee, Naomi and I came upon a field where gleaners were harvesting their crop. Twas the field of Boaz where we found food and shelter.

Boaz: There I found Naomi and Ruth, women so fair and noble of heart and purpose that my heart rejoiced. So grateful am I to thee, Dove, for surely thou led them safely to my

side. Take this message so that the fruits of my knowledge, learned since knowing Ruth, may be shared by future mankind. It is by giving that one receives. It is by loving that I will be loved. Farewell.

Song: This is my song.

Dove's Herald: Hark, Dove, Queen Esther of Persia is here.

Esther: Once before, Dove, thee delivered to me, while sitting alone in the palace, news of my people's perilous plight and I gained courage to do what I had to do and my people were saved. Dove, where your wings have cast a shadow may there be light. Remind mankind that where there is hate and discord may Thy presence bring harmony and love. Farewell.

Song: Have thine own Way.

Dove's Herald: Hark, Dove, Martha has a message to send.

Martha: Dove, when my brother Lazarus was ill I bade one of thy aides to fly to Jesus with a message to hasten His return, but alas for a cruel bowman slew thy aide with an arrow and my message was ne'er received by Him. But later Jesus came, though my brother was dead, and His words brought me much comfort and peace. May thee remind mankind that if we follow the teachings of Christ, and the light of His Star, we shall find peace and life everlasting. Farewell.

Song: The Gift of Love

Dove's Herald: Hark, Dove, Electa is here with a message to send.

Electa: I have traveled many miles to see thee, as you are known by mankind as a courageous messenger in man's quest for peace. Dove, may thy dauntless wings send thee forth to mankind as a teacher to emulate the virtues of charity. May thy presence be evermore symbolic to mankind of love—one toward another. Farewell.

Dove's Herald: Hear ye, Hear ye. Our Dove has just received a message from Him from whom cometh all strength and salvation. That message comes in the form of a gift of peace of mind, body and soul, and the existence of harmony among mankind forever and ever.

Narrator. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God. To make peace on earth you must know the source of all peace. May each of you have the God-given strength filled with such peace. Also, may the heavenly Dove spread his wings of harmony over you.

Song: Let there be peace on earth.