

Here together, here together,
We have learned from God's own word,
Lessons holy, lessons lowly,
Sweetest lessons ever heard.

Now the hour has come for parting,
Some will go and some will stay,
May we all still learn of Jesus,
More and more, and day by day.

Here may follow a little introductory or explanatory talk by the primary teacher or the Sunday school superintendent, and recitation by graduates of such parts of the supplemental course they have taken in preparation for graduation, as may be thought best. Seven children may then step out from the group, bearing little white banners, each bearing one letter of the word "Good-bye." The letters may be painted upon cardboard. The sticks should be of the same length, resting upon the floor, at even distances, each child, in speaking, turning the letter out. In summertime the banner sticks may be wound with flowers, and a spray sewed above the letter; in winter evergreen might be used, but this is not necessary. The little speakers should address the seated group of children who are to remain in the class, but should stand partly facing the audience, so as to be heard.

No. 1. Letter G.

Goodness and mercy from God above
Follow us all each day.
He will be with us in tender love,
Whether we go or stay.

No. 2. Letter O.

Only a day, one day at a time,
Yet how the years have flown.
We must take leave of the primary room,
Since we have older grown.

No. 3. Letter O.

Onward and upward now lies our way,
Still, as we older grow,
We will remember the earliest days,
No matter where we go.

No. 4. Letter D.

Do not forget us, although no more
Here in this class we meet.
Still we belong to the school of Christ,
Learning at his dear feet.

No. 5. Letter B.

Better and better we want to grow,
Loving, more loving, and true,
Living each day, by the Saviour's help,
Lessons we learn with you.

No. 6. Letter Y.

You who remain with our teacher * dear,
Under her loving care,
Surely will fill up the place we leave,
Each in the work must share.

No. 7. Letter E.

Ever in parting the heart is sad,
Yet there is comfort nigh.
This is an hour to make us glad,
Though we must say "Good-bye."

Graduates all repeat distinctly, in concert :

We only step a little higher,
And we will still be nigh;
Good-bye, good-bye, to classmates all,
Dear teacher, now good-bye.

The other group on the platform rise and repeat in concert :

You only step a little higher,
And we will still be nigh.
Good-bye, promoted classmates all,
Good-bye, good-bye, good-bye.

The juniors, or at least representatives of the department about to receive the graduates, should be grouped together in a place convenient to welcome them, as they now march toward these older scholars, singing to the air, "There's a Royal Banner"

We are coming, coming, gladly coming now,
To the junior ranks to-day;
Will you welcome us as we join your happy band,
On the upward, onward way?

Refrain :

Coming now (yes, now) ; coming now (yes now),
With you to march along the way (on the way),
As we tribute bring to (unto) Christ our King,
On (upon) this happy meeting day.

Juniors, standing, respond :

Welcome, welcome, welcome, to our junior ranks;
There is work for you to do,
And "Our school for Christ" shall be our rally-cry;
O, be strong, and brave, and true.

Refrain :

Coming now (yes, now), coming now (yes, now),
With us to march along the way,
As we tribute bring to Christ our King,
On (upon) this happy meeting day.
Graduates join in this refrain, using pronoun "you."

Address and prayer by pastor or Sunday school superintendent.

Hymn, "Blest be the tie," sung by all present.

* Should there be more than one teacher in primary department, use plural pronouns.