

# A Rite Of Passage

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My favourite Progressive Rock Band, Dream Theater, has an album with a song on it called "A Rite Of Passage". I doubt that any members of the band are Masons, but this song is definitely about Masonry, and you will recognize some of the symbolism. I provide the words here without comment.

### "A Rite Of Passage"

*[Lyrics by John Petrucci]*

Since the new world order  
Played upon our fears  
Spreading accusations  
Of radical ideas

The brotherhood of wisdom  
Strength and dignity  
Its rituals and secrets  
Remain a mystery

CHORUS:

Beneath an ever watchful eye  
The angels of the temple fly  
Turn the key  
Walk through the gate  
The great ascent  
To reach a higher state  
A rite of passage

The final stage  
A sacred home  
Unlock the door  
And lay the corner stone  
A rite of passage

Men of wealth and power  
Influence and fame  
Philosophers and leaders  
All members of the trade

Bound by oath and honor  
Like the rose and cross  
An enigmatic union  
Of esoteric thought

*Chorus*

The final stage  
A sacred home  
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*Chorus*

The seven stars  
The rising sun  
A perfect world  
Where new life has begun  
A rite of passage