

PEACE PILGRIM

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From 1953 until 1981, a silver haired woman calling herself only "Peace Pilgrim" walked more than 25,000 miles on a personal pilgrimage for peace. Wearing a blue tunic and carrying just a few worldly possessions in her pockets, she shared her simple but profound message in thousands of communities throughout the U.S.: "when enough of us find inner peace, our institutions will become peaceful and there will be no more occasion for war." Today, her words – captured in books, videos and other media – continue to inspire people around the world.

<https://www.peacepilgrim.org/>

Her name was **Peace Pilgrim**, her age was unknown
She carried no money and she had no home
She walked our land for twenty-eight years
To show us we can overcome our hatred and our fears

Chorus

*She said, "I will walk until I'm given shelter
I will fast until I'm given bread
I will remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace"*

Her message was simple, we've heard it all before
*"We cannot learn peace while we're waging war
Good will conquer evil, truth will conquer lies
Love will conquer hatred, if only we will try"*

She carried in her pockets everything she owned
Some nights she slept on pillows and some nights she slept on stones
One day out on the highway, she shed her robe of clay
But the message that she carried still lives on in us today

The place to begin is deep within yourself
Then you can show the way to someone else
When enough of us have learned to live in harmony
The old ways will crumble and our love will set us free

As we stand here on this corner in sun and rain and snow
We remember **Peace Pilgrim** and her words of long ago
Though her spirit flew to freedom in nineteen eighty one
She's standing here among us as our prayers for peace are sung

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*As we gather here together to try and right the wrongs
We think of Pete Seeger and the power of his songs
His courage and his wisdom, his kind and humble grace
Now he's walking with Peace Pilgrim, leaving us to take his place*