

## Ode to Peace

### Description

A song to commemorate the Buddhist monks' 2200 mile Peace Walk from Texas to Washington DC. #Walk for Peace. During the same time period of this long journey promoting peace, two American citizens were murdered by ICE in Minnesota. This song contrasts the intent of both of these events,

#### Verse 1

See the monks who walk in silence

Slow and steady, calm and clear.

Open hands and open faces,

Meeting pain with care, not fear.

Step by step they show another

Way to live and way to be -

Walking peace among each person,

Calling us to choose gently

#### Verse 2

Hear another sound upon us:

Sirens, shouting, sudden loss,

Guns where there should be protection,

Power taken at high cost.

Lives cut short and families broken,

Trust dissolved in fear and grief -

This is not the way of safety,

This is harm, not help, not peace.

#### Verse 3

Every path reveals its purpose

By the hurt or hope it brings,  
One way tightens into violence,  
One way heals all human beings.  
We decide which road to follow,  
What we bless or what we maim â??  
Care that builds a shared tomorrow,  
Or the fire that feeds the flame.

#### Verse 4

So letâ??s walk the way of kindness,  
Gentle steps and opens eyes,  
Feeling grief yet holding hope now,  
Listening for the truth to rise.  
Side by side we choose each other,  
Name the harm and turn away.  
We will not be ruled by violence â??  
Love leads on.  
Peace leads the way.

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