

peaceable Songs



A C T I V I T Y S H E E T

A typical Friends Meetinghouse would not have hymnals, as they do in many other Christian places of worship. Until the late 19th century, Quakers didn't believe in group singing or the playing of musical instruments. In modern religious meetings, however, the presence of song is based on waiting upon the spirit in silence to be moved to sing. Any singing that is done is usually individual and a capella.

This is a traditional Quaker peace song that Edward Hicks might have sung:

Peace, peace, peace, peace
Wars have been and wars must cease
We must learn to live together
Peace, peace, peace.

Love, love, love, love
People we are made for love
Love each other and thyself
For God is love.

Child, child, child, child
Will we ever see you grown?
We are working for your future
We love you so.

Dear Friend, Dear Friend,
Let me tell you how I feel
You have given me such riches
I love you so.

How can you be creative with peace?

- Find other songs that share the theme of peace.
- Make a CD that includes your favorite peace songs. Learn how to sing one of them, or play one of them on a musical instrument.
- Encourage your school music teacher to feature a song about peace in an upcoming school concert.
- Hold a peace fair, where friends share messages of peace with the community through stories, songs, poetry and art.
- Sell handmade crafts at a local artisans fair to raise money for your favorite peace inspired organization.
- Write your own poem, song or story about peace.
- Learn about *Taking it Global*, an online group of youth interested in global issues and positive change, at www.tigweb.org
- KidCast for Peace is a UN affiliated organization where kids can voice their solutions for a better world. Learn more at www.creativity.net/KidCast
- Create an iron on transfer image for an original peace t-shirt and iron it on!

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