

“Walking For The World”

Song Explanation

“Walking for the World” is a song about poverty and hope. It was inspired by the efforts of the Aga Khan Foundation’s annual World Partnership Walk, and in turn, seeks to inspire others.

It tells the story of a mother and her daughter, just trying to survive the next day. They live in a village “far away” – for us in the Western World, this seems worlds away, but these are our brothers and sisters. Unfortunately, this mother and daughter are unable to enjoy even the simplest pleasures of life – going out to play – because they are simply too weak. Even more unfortunate, there are so many others just like them.

Although physically weak, their spirit is as strong – even stronger - than many of us; they simply don’t have to means to translate this into good health and a stable life. Thankfully, with the help of the Aga Khan Foundation, their spirit is rewarded. Their village is chosen for humanitarian and development efforts, and this restores hope, empowers the village, and gives them the means towards protecting their own long-term survival. They now have hope; they have things to do and dreams to dream, and places left to go...not the least of which, is to go out to play.

We can walk on the day of the World Partnership Walk - and every day – with the knowledge and the conviction that the work of organizations such as the Aga Khan Foundation is restoring hope and alleviating poverty is some of the most poverty-stricken parts of our small world.

Every step that we take, let’s think of those who are less fortunate than we are, and what each of us in our small way, can do for them. Collectively we can make a real difference. Brothers and sisters, let’s go Walking for the World!

- Raheem H. Dilgir