

## The Villages in Our Hearts

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(Pre-emancipation anticipation inspirational for sharing and building small habitats)

(low bass and nature sounds)

[One lead singer, with three person backup  
doing a “baa baa do ba da dee da da da” or something]

I don't know why I feel so blue  
don't know what I'm goin' thru  
but I know it has something to do  
with the village in my heart

(pick it up to jazz quartet--like something rising)  
[One lead singer, with three person backup  
doing a “baa baa do ba da dee da da da” or something]

Such a love affair as ours  
it has to be of the long journey kind  
because something seems very wrong right now  
with the village in my heart

(Bridge)

[Norman Rockwell like--re “Freedom of Religion”  
choir--quite innocent, and inspiring]

It's not that there isn't Mercy involved  
It's not that my Spiritual Guardians don't know me  
My nature likes to see what happens  
if there's enough support for a village  
so we can move forward with fulfilling the scriptures

(messenger bursts in)

But wait! Why does *their* fulfilling of scriptures require WAR?!!

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(instrumental)

[A Dear Divine Angel]

If this be true, and upon me proved  
maybe someday, someone might look  
--and over there! It's a new way to live  
Look! There's the village they call *(local specific name)*

(instrumental)

(pick it up to jazz quartet--like something rising)  
[One lead singer, with three person backup  
doing a “baa baa do ba da dee da da da” or something]

And now we see  
our love affair did not have to be  
of the long journey kind  
the villages in our hearts  
were here all the time

they're the villages in our hearts

[All singing]

We know what we're going to do  
we're going to make it thru  
and we're going to see  
    all of the villages in people's hearts

    [we can do many more good deeds (softer)  
    when we live in small habitats]

(instrumental and dancing)

[One spokesperson]  
(spoken like a prologue)

Then we went on...  
and my village has ceremonies this weekend

There's  
"Gratitude to Our Spiritual Guardians" (devotional singing and performances--3:00 pm)  
"Ceremonial Appeal for Initiation into Spiritual Responsibilities" (5:00 pm)  
Village Peace Vigil (ongoing)  
Entries in the Village Journal (Topic for this week: "The Villages in Our Hearts")

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Yes--it did  
It had something to do  
with we're going to make it thru

and with the villages in our hearts