



CHELTENHAM WOODCRAFT FOLK

"THE ENVOI"

This shall be for a bond between us,
That we are of one blood, you and I,
That we cry peace to all,
And claim kinship with every living thing,
That we hate war and sloth and greed,
And love fellowship,
And we shall go singing to the fashioning,
Of a new world."

When we sing the Envoi, we hold our right hand up, with the palm facing forward, to show that our hands are empty; that we have no weapons; and that we come in peace and friendship!

Sometimes you may see, or hear, The Envoi with slightly different words, like this:
(changes underlined)

**This shall be for a bond between us,
That we are of one blood, you and I,
That we have cried peace to all,
And claimed kinship with every living thing,
That we hate war and sloth and greed,
And love fellowship,
And that we shall go singing to the fashioning,
Of a new world.**

The words people sing depend on which version they were first taught - but either way it means the same thing and both versions can be sung to the same tune!

Sometimes other groups will say, rather than sing, the Envoi - which can be very confusing for those of us who only know how to sing it!!