

## On The Way To Jerusalem

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There was a devout nun  
in the XVth century  
who decided to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem;  
and she belonged to an order  
that wore bags over their heads.

And the mother superior told the nun  
that if she walked through the countryside  
with a bag on her head,  
she would scare people.

But the nun insisted,  
so the mother superior allowed to her  
to walk around and around the cloister,  
every day for three years  
until she covered the equivalent distance  
to the Holy City.

At the end of her journey  
the nun was so exhausted  
that she collapsed.  
A doctor was called.  
After examining her  
he announced that she was too weak  
to make the return trip.  
The nun died shortly after.