## Mp3 Walkin' Jim Stoltz - A Kid For The Wild



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Environmentally-oriented acoustic/folk music for kids from a man who has walked over 25,000 miles through America's wild places. 11 MP3 Songs KIDS/FAMILY: General Children's Music, FOLK: Modern Folk Details: One of America's most unique folksingers and backcountry travelers, Walkin' Jim Stoltz, sings his songs with a definite sense of having been there. Indeed, he has. It all began innocently enough, walking the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. Then, after a year and a half spent walking from the Atlantic to the Pacific, folks just naturally started referring to him as "Walkin' Jim". What followed were years of annual long walks across the remaining wildlands of America including three different treks from Mexico to Canada and a Yellowstone to Yukon hike. It all adds up to well over 25,000 miles and dozens of songs, stories and photographs. Jim often carries a guitar and writes his songs as he walks through the wild places. His lyrics express a great love and respect for the Earth and the wilderness he knows so well. Known for his powerful baritone and emotion-packed vocals, he also spends part of each year touring (driving) across America, performing his award-winning concert, Forever Wild. The show combines live music and poetry with stunning, multi-image slides. The mix of photographs and music results in a stirring celebration of wilderness. With the constant praise for "Forever Wild" came requests for a similar multi-media show for children. Jim began performing for elementary schools in the mid-80's. In 1990 he produced his first recording of kid's music, "A Kid For The Wild". The recording has been a big hit with environmental educators and has been an important part of the National Forest Service's "Wilderness Box" program. In 1994 Jim released a half hour film for children titled, "Come Walk With Me". The effort received several awards and numerous enthusiastic reviews for combining simple ecological lessons with fun music, great footage of wildlife, and scenes of Jim and his kid friends wandering through the backcountry. 1997 saw the release of his second kid's music recording, "The Web of Life". "Walkin'

Jim's music invites kids to sing, to care, and to get outdoors. We've been singing his songs in my classroom for five years and every class has loved them. Walkin' Jim's songs help bring out the children's desire to protect wilderness --- without preaching or being pessimistic. It's fun, uplifting music with irresistible choruses. We have howled along with wolves and squeaked along with pikas, thanks to Walkin' Jim." --- Steve Gilzow, Teacher Paddock Elementary Milan, Michigan "Jim's songs have become an integral part of our efforts to understand our relationship with the earth and our responsibility to care for it.... makes my work as a teacher easier and more exciting. His music strengthens my sense of belonging to a larger web of life and inspires me to keep on." ----- Jeannine Palms, Teacher Blossom School, Ann Arbor, MI Stoltz is veteran of 30 years of performing and has been presented with the Environmental Protection Agency's, Outstanding Achievement Award for his sharing of nature and wilderness across America. Stoltz is a co-founder of Musicians United to Sustain the Environment (M.U.S.E.), musemusic, a non-profit organization using music to raise funds for wilderness and wildlife protection efforts. M.U.S.E. has released two compilation recordings featuring various nationally known artists. Recordings, Publications, and Awards Spirit Is Still On The Run - 1984 Forever Wild - 1987 The Whisper Behind The Wind - Poetry book, 1988 Listen To The Earth - 1989 A Kid For The Wild - Earth songs for children - 1990 Outstanding Achievement Award - from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency "For Sharing Nature And Wilderness With Others Across America Through Your Extraordinary Words, Images, And Music." - 1991 The Vision - 1992 Come Walk With Me - half hour film for children -1994 The Web of Life - more Earth songs for kids - 1997 Oh, What A Life - a live recording celebrating 25 years of performing - 1997 The Long Trails - cd,1999 Walking With The Wild Wind - Reflections of a Montana Journey - book 2003

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