Why Was the Navajo Journey Home So Remarkable?

**Quote**

“The Commissioners can see themselves that we have hardly any sheep or horses, nearly all that we brought here have died, and that has left us so poor that we have no means wherewith to buy others.”


Navajo (Diné) oral history tells the stories of those who lived through the terror inflicted at the hands of Carson’s men on the Long Walk: they showed no regard for women, children, or families. When the people became exhausted, the soldiers became harsh, sometimes shooting prisoners rather than allowing the Navajo (Diné) to rest.