

Use one of the following quotations as a springboard to reflect on and write about your personal relationship to music.

*The only proof he needed for the existence of God was music.”*

**--Kurt Vonnegut Jr.**, American novelist

*“The earth has music for those who listen.”*

**--William Shakespeare**, English poet and playwright

*“If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music. .. I get most joy in life out of music.”*

**--Albert Einstein**, German physicist

*“Rock and roll music - the music of freedom frightens people and unleashes all manner of conservative defense mechanisms.”*

**--Salman Rushdie**, Indian-British novelist & essayist

*“People are going deaf because music is played louder and louder, but because they’re going deaf, it has to be played louder still.”*

**Milan Kundera**, Czech novelist, playwright, & poet

*“Music is the shorthand of emotion.”*

**--Leo Nikolaevich Tolstoy**, Russian novelist & philosopher

*“Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness.”*

**--Maya Angelou**, American writer & actress

*“Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.”*

**--Plato**, Greek philosopher