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