

## Thoughts About Music

- ✧ "It is only by introducing the young to great literature, drama and music, and to the excitement of great science that we open to them the possibilities that lie within the human spirit -- enable them to see visions and dream dreams." -- Eric Anderson
- ✧ "Music is either good or bad, and it's got to be learned. You got to have balance." -- Louis Armstrong
- ✧ "Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." -- Berthold Auerbach
- ✧ "Music is the mediator between the spiritual and the sensual life." -- Ludwig van Beethoven
- ✧ "Music is a means of rapid transportation." -- John Cage
- ✧ "Without music, life is a journey through a desert." -- Pat Conroy
- ✧ "Extraordinary how potent cheap music is." -- Noel Coward
- ✧ "Music is the wine that fills the cup of silence." -- Robert Fripp
- ✧ "I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music." -- Billy Joel
- ✧ "Just as certain selections of music will nourish your physical body and your emotional layer, so other musical works will bring greater health to your mind." -- Hal A. Lingerman
- ✧ "Without music life would be a mistake." -- Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, German philosopher
- ✧ "I believe in the power of music. To me, it isn't just a fad. This is a positive thing." -- Eddie Vedder
- ✧ "Music is the movement of sound to reach the soul for the education of its virtue." -- Plato
- ✧ "Mathematics is music for the mind; music is mathematics for the soul." (Anon)
- ✧ "Music has the power of producing a certain effect on the moral character of the soul, and if it has the power to do this, it is clear that the young must be directed to music and must be educated in it." Aristotle
- ✧ "The best music... is essentially there to provide you something to face the world with. ~ Bruce Springsteen
- ✧ "Music has to breathe and sweat. You have to play it live. ~ James Brown
- ✧ "Music helps you find the truths you must bring into the rest of your life. ~ Alanis Morissette
- ✧ "Music, of all the liberal arts, has the greatest influence over the passions, and it is that to which the legislator ought to give the greatest encouragement. ~ Napoléon Bonaparte
- ✧ "Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without. ~ Confucius

Cartoonist Chares Schultz credits music as the inspiration behind many of his insights that came to life through Charlie Brown, Lucy, and Snoopy. Schultz described going to a concert and said "your mind begins to travel from on thing to another, and all of a sudden you're inspired by the music by the emotion and from that I will get some of my very best ideas.

Albert Einstein's solution to struggles with a complicated formula was to pick up the violin, and play Beethoven and Mozart sonatas. Einstein's oldest son remembered that " whenever he felt that he had come to the end of the road or into a difficult situation in his work he would take refuge in music, and that would usually resolve all his difficulties.

