

Entry Title: The Music Inside Me

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I listen to the beautiful music on the radio. Boccherini, Dvorak, Schubert, Bach - all those wonderful composers, who died hundreds of years ago, but to me, they still live, in the music inside me. The sounds are glorious - high and low, loud and soft. It makes me feel happy, at home, amid these beautiful noises, that sound like the sweetest birds tweeting.

I pick up my violin, letting my right hand relax into the grip of my bow. I bring it up to my chin, place the bow on my strings, and play.

I play a lively Irish jig, settling into the rhythm immediately. It feels so good to play - it makes me feel free as a bird. I finish the last bar, then put my violin down to rest position. I have a breath, then flick my music to the gavotte. The first line is familiar, I know what to do. My fingers move without me telling them, they want to make the music come to life. The sounds swirl above me in the air, it's blissful. I love playing music, making the music come alive. I want everyone to feel like this, because it's a wonderful feeling.

Next, I try the humoresque (a type of music). I've only learnt a few lines, and I stumble over the shifting. Finally, my fingers know what to do. This piece is different from all the others I've played before, more challenging. But I'm excited for this challenge. I play through what I know a few times, then put my things away, putting the bow in the case and the violin on its special hook.

I've learnt so much since I first picked up this instrument, the tiny $\frac{1}{4}$ size back when I was four. It gives me a sense of accomplishment; I'm glad I am learning this instrument.

I feel brighter, happier, after playing those pieces. Everyone should feel like this, everyone should play an instrument, whether it's the piano at your friend's house, the guitar in a band, or cello in an orchestra. Play whatever makes you feel happy, whatever your favourite genre is, play it. Or even just sing along to your favourite song - anyone can do that! I promise it'll make you feel amazing.

Music matters, and without it, the world would be like a book without words, maths without numbers. Everything would be boring. Music makes everyone happy, and if we didn't have it, we'd always be glum, because there'd be nothing to raise our spirits. Nothing would be good without music.

My sister sits down on the couch with her cello, the music on the stand different to mine, unfamiliar. To her, it must make perfect sense, but to me, it's gibberish. I suppose that's what my music must look like to her, with all its different, complicated symbols that sometimes I don't understand. She stretches her fingers and plays her favourite tune at the moment: Skye Boat Song. Soon enough, her favourite piece will be something different, as soon as she learns a new piece in fact. Then her favourite will be whatever she learns. Music matters to her, I know, and it matters to the rest of my family too.

Music is for everybody, and everybody can grow to like it. To quote Friedrich Nietzsche, "without music, life would be a mistake". From Beethoven, "music is like a dream. One that I cannot hear". One more for good measure: "without music, life would be a blank to me", Jane Austen. As you can see, everyone loves music. Music's the best!