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College Essay-Music

How Has Music Changed My Life?

A melody describes every emotion I have ever felt, a song dampens my soul when I feel on top of the world, and a refrain echoes in my heart describing the passion and infatuation I have for music. Music certainly has played a major role in my life making me a better person through determination, commitment, and giving me a major goal in life. My music and I have been through many ups and downs. Music is like a magical dream; it can take you anywhere you are willing to go.

I have been singing ever since I can remember. I have always been able to express myself best through song. But singing is not as easy as one may think. I have studied music for a number of years to find that there is still so much for me to learn. At first all the theory and technique was tedious, but as I have grown as a musician I have found it more interesting. However the toughest part of being a musician, is the rejection and criticism that comes along with it. I first encountered all of this negativity when I arrived in high school. My freshmen year I had a music teacher who pushed me very hard, criticized all of my work, and made me feel like a failure. Then there were the many auditions I attended and was rejected from. I let all of this negative attention put me down for a short period of time before I realized the good it was doing. I was only a freshmen or sophomore and I was expecting to get a solo in the choir or a lead in the school musical. I was running ahead of myself; there were still plenty of things for me to learn and many opportunities ahead. All of this discouraging attention knocked me down, but I got back up and now I work even harder to stay up where I belong.

There is a very rewarding side to all of this work too. I have studied music for over a decade now and in my musical career I have performed in various musicals, been a member of four choirs, and shared music with so many peers who love music as much as I do. Music has made a vast impact on my life and I can't imagine living a day without singing or listening to music. I am so thankful that I have such a passion in my life that I can continue to make better and do as a career in the future. I know that being a musician is a tough life full of rejection and small paychecks, but that is a life I am willing to lead.