



The Spiritual Significance Of Music

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Give it up. You can't play a riff with your hands or by wholeheartedly listening with your ears and still remain "yourself". Give it up. The self that you claim as "yours" is much wider than "you" can imagine. Give it up. Stand back and feel wonder at the edge of the abyss. Possession is at the heart of our spirituality. It is an act of great kindness. To give money; to give food to those in need is kind. To give your body for a time to the loa (spirits) to use is an act of benevolence almost beyond comprehension. Music is the voice of the Muses. These great spirits of the Western world can enter into and take on form through those playing and actively listening to music. Possession is a thing of degrees. Music opens a door, an entry way into this holy state that is accessible to all. Give yourself to the loa La Sirine, a loa of music, or to the western Muses and participate in the ecstasy of possession. The reward matches the gift. La Sirine and the Muses take with one hand and give with the other. The call is balanced by the response. The loa, Africa's Bright Angels, walk a road paved with sweet sound. Give it up.



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