



DOLOUR

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I believe that spirituality is the significance of music. When music is devoid of the spiritual element it lacks the very essence that makes music powerful or transcendent. My spiritual life has always been strongly tied to my musical life, at times I am confused, which is which. Music is the clearest, most tangible way for me to understand my spirituality, and the world around me. Whether the lyrics are complaining about a bum deal, praising the beauty of a woman you just met, or writing about an awe-inspiring sunny day; these are all things that were once written about in the Psalms and Songs of Solomon in the Bible or Hafiz's love poems, all down through history. Leadbelly, or Elvis, Mozart, or the Beach Boys. It's their spirituality that makes them human, and it's also what we connect with when we hear a beautiful melody or lyric. Music connects to the part of us that longs to be perfect, beautiful, and loved. Brian Wilson once said, "*Music is the voice of God*", and he's been quoted many times for that, because people sense that he was speaking the truth.



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