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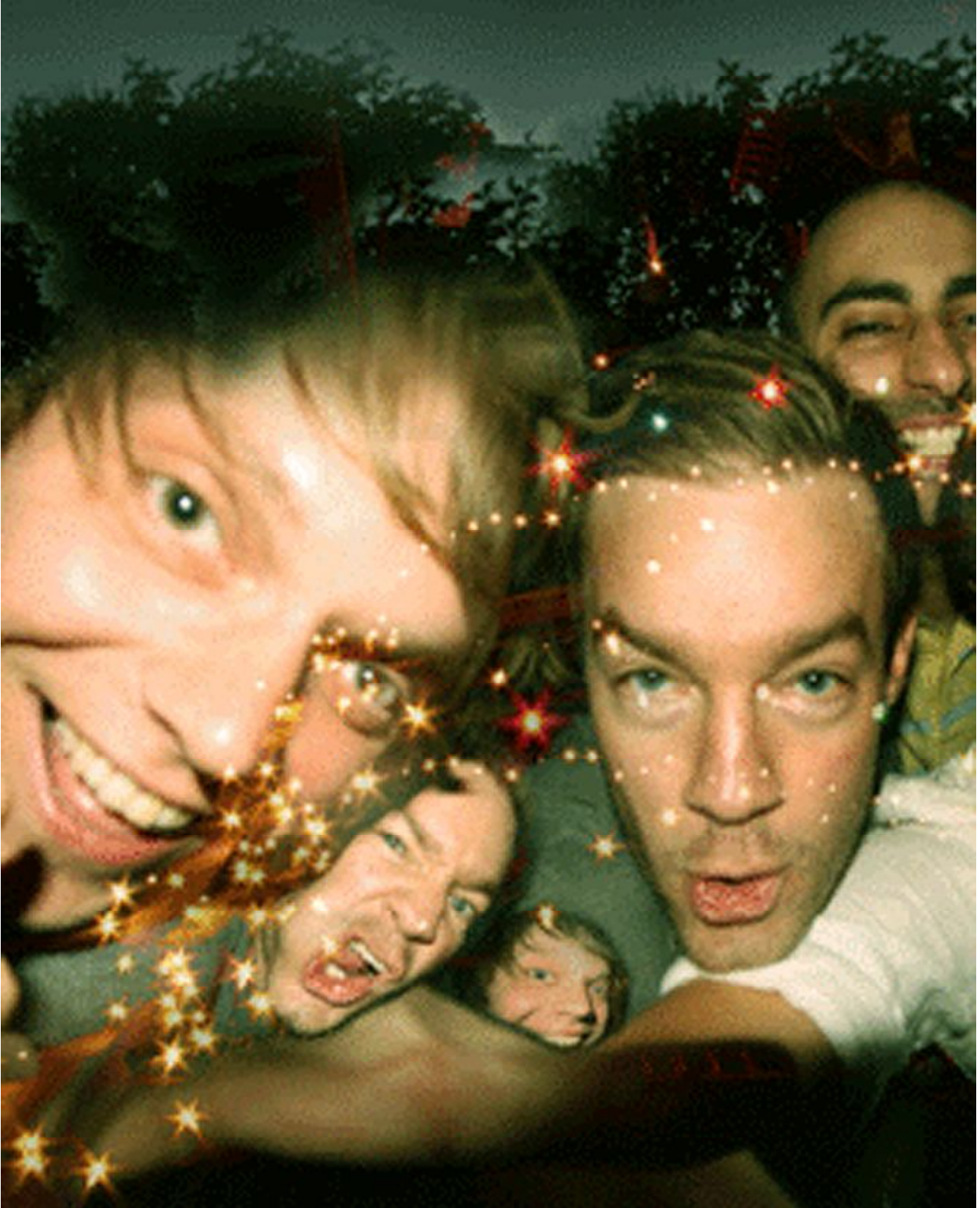
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Music and spirituality are one and the same. Music can not be touched, seen, or physically handled. However, music can motivate, inspire, transform, liberate, and save a person on so many levels. Much like a spiritual experience, music's effect can be indescribable yet life changing. There is nothing so divine as this infinite organization of sound; frequencies and amplitudes, notes and rhythm, noise and time. What these elements can become is so beautiful and overwhelming, the Heavens can seem to open and sing. We are born with rhythm in our hearts and this rhythm keeps us alive. I feel that artists with true inspiration and intention can capture true spiritual energy within music. This can happen in a recorded medium and through playing and performance. Music can transport the player to a place of spiritual clarity and communication. It can lead a sacred dance, unite a congregation, support a meditation, and a prayer. When recorded, the inspired organization of sounds, notes and God speaking through a vocalist can be heard, alive forever.

Most of all, I remain ultimately perplexed by both music and spirituality. I work my whole life to try to understand both, to find truth in both, to find myself in both, music and spirituality, both remain such a great mystery, both remain such a childish wonder, such a thing that I keep chasing, and trying to understand more every day and passing year. Sometimes blocked and frustrating, sometimes ultimately inspiring and ever-flowing. As if there was this great light at the end of the tunnel, I keep wanting to create and explore the depths of music and hope to find ultimate peace through spiritual understanding. I hope for the day that I'm inspired with the perfect song just as I pray for the day that I can be touched by God or brought closer to the ultimate truth. So, the spiritual significance of music, what a question. Some



have said "*Music is the voice of God*" and I can't disagree. Music is one of our great paths to spirituality, I'd call it a shortcut. What a wonderful shortcut to such a great place!



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