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The Beauty Behind the Divine

Talents are more than an ability someone is born with. Merriam-Webster dictionary defines talent as “a special often athletic, creative, or artistic aptitude”. Talent is more than someone thinking you’re “pretty good” at something. Talent is something you find within yourself. It’s something you know you’re good at, and something you love to do. Talent is what keeps you up at night, and makes you want to pursue a dream. It gives you the hope that you can do anything, the hope that anything is possible if you want it enough. Talents are what separate people from each other- it’s what makes us special snowflakes, no two people are the same. Some of us end up being athletes, scientists, artists, teachers, authors, the list is endless. For me, music is my talent. I adore writing, playing, listening, and producing music.

Music is always exposed, in plays, films, and simply in the artwork displayed as albums, CDs, vinyls, cassettes, and MP3s produced by some of the greatest musicians in history. Music flows in different genres, like pop, alternative, rock, hip-hop, and more. Music is a story that sends you away from your own issues, or sometimes carries you down a stream with relatable lyrics that help you find your inner self. Lyrics are a story, the instruments help guide the story to drop you in the scene and experience what the artist experiences.. It can change your mood immediately, it can make you happy, sad, angry, energized, lazy, lonely, supported, hated, loved, but that’s what makes it better. The consumer gets to choose how they want to feel, everyone interprets music differently and it’s a beautiful thing.

The first instrument I learned was the guitar, I didn’t really stick with it because I never had an actual teacher to show me how to play, so I often had difficulty understanding the instrument and all the different notes and scales, etc. After about a year of messing with online tutorials and reading tons of books, I began

to pursue percussion instruments. It enchanted me, I instantly fell in love with playing the drums. Not only was it a good workout, but I felt my heart crave to play more and more. My dad had taught me the basics since he had also played the drums at my age. It only took me about a week to have mastered a few songs. I discovered more drummers, and searched different techniques and styles of playing online. I began covering countless songs, I knew this was something I wanted to go after as a career. Fast forward about four years, and here I am, 16 years old and in my second band.

Some of my biggest inspirations are Metallica, Deep Purple, and many many others. I know it's hard to get as big as them, which is why I have a backup plan to become an architect. It is my biggest dream to be as big as those bands and be successful in the music industry but it is a very difficult field. Whether my band kicks off or not, I plan to attend college and major in architecture. I haven't decided if I want to pursue commercial or residential architecture, but I have time to worry about all of that in the future. Music will always be a passion for me whether or not it becomes my career. Talent is not something you just give up on, and that's exactly why no matter what happens, I will always let music take over and bring a new meaning of life to me with every song.

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