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Life as a song

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Do you like music? Personally, I love it. Any kind, any genre, music is lovely.

And when I read that I needed to describe what is life I couldn't think in any better than using music to talk about it, have you ever heard about Merry go round? Of Joe Hisaishi, if I could choose a song to express what life is it would totally be this one, defining life with words is complicated, is not going to be the same for every person, when it starts, when it ends, perhaps for a biologist life ends until the last cell is dead, for a doctor, it ends when the heart stops beating.

For me, just like this song life starts simple, with a soft piano, like a gorgeous baby coming into the world and later when you are born you are around someone, like the violin that joins the melody of the piano, then you start to grow and things start to get more and more complicated, but I think that is why life is interesting, if you didn't have problems that wouldn't be living, we are humans, we are different, having no problems is impossible. Every instrument added have a function in the melody.

Just like more and more instruments are being implemented and the melody start to rush, it's when you realized why life is important, in my case when I almost lost my dad because of a theft. He was back from delivering me to school, when he came home, he went down the car to open the garage when two men came and pointed him with a gun, he instantly hand to them the keys of the car and lie down to the floor until they went away. When I came back to school and my mom told me it was like someone abruptly stopped the charming melody.

Then the music go back to the pretty melody similar as the one of the start but this one is different, you know that you are alive but why you don't feel like it?, the lovely melody

stops, just for a second, but that second means everything, many things are happening in that second but for a moment nothing else matters than you then the loud organ returns surprising you and taking you back to reality, the thing here is, what are you going to do about it, I mean I could have stayed shocked at the middle of my living room, I could have cried, but the first thing I did was called him, just because for a second, the melody was quiet and I got scared.

I thought I wasn't going to be able to hear his voice again, when he answered the melody started running again, I could hear all the instruments, I could hear the entire melody again.

The melody continues again and again and it depends on you if you make something gorgeous with it or waste it, cliché but never wrong.

Life is a lot of times difficult, having a perfect harmony with the instruments is difficult but not impossible. The point of life is feeling complete, you don't need to be a super star, that your name is on books, just like at the end, such as the melody, feel peace. Feel that you did everything you wanted, an ending with a calm and beautiful sound.

If life were a song created by me, it would have every instrument and still being harmonized with high and low melodies, with a soft but powerful ending but for anyone else perhaps it could be any song.

Indeed, life is what you want it to be. If I could inspire people to find something that makes them feel alive and find their own meaning of it I would do it.

Music makes me feel alive, life for me life is a musical odyssey, life for my dad is a blessing, life for my mom is a trip.

What does life mean to you?