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"If it sounds good, it is good." - Duke Ellington

"Architecture has its own realm. It has a special physical relationship with life. I do not think of it primarily as either a message or a symbol, but as an envelope and background for life which goes on in and around it, a sensitive container for the rhythm of footsteps on the floor, for the concentration of work, for the silence of sleep." - Peter Zumthor

"Like music, a work acquires its value only through the love it manifests." - Eileen Gray

"Let me go where'er I will, I hear a sky-born music still: It sounds from all things young, From all that's fair, from all that's foul, Peals out a cheerful song.

It is not only in the rose, It is not only in the bird, Not only where the rainbow glows, Nor in the song of woman heard, But in the darkest, meanest things, There alway, alway something sings.

'It is not in the high stars alone, Nor in the cup of budding flowers, Nor in the redbreast's mellow tone, Nor in the bow that smiles in showers, But in the mud and scum of things
There alway, alway something sings."

- 'Music' by Ralph Waldo Emerson
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