



“It is sweet to dance to violins  
When love and life are fair:  
To dance to flutes, to dance to lutes  
Is delicate and rare:  
But it is not sweet with nimble feet  
To dance upon the air!”  
— Oscar Wilde

*Rebbe Nachman says: “If you sing the right melody.. One melody can bring peace to the whole world...”*

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In music there is connection,  
in music there is hope,  
in music there is refuge.

Let me in please!  
into your secrets,  
those harmonics that expose the divine,  
let me taste the fruits of the keys  
and the honey of the clefs.

In those dark notes are buried  
secrets of the universe,  
those strings of reverberation  
upon which the planets move  
and the same strings in which the heart  
vibrates to, in sympathy.

Let me be moved  
by your genius,  
by those devotees and composers  
who sacrificed all at the altar of your muse  
worshipping at the feet of your cellos  
in harmony and counterpoint.

Don't let me surrender to my mother's curse  
who cannot listen for the pain of it.

She, who suffered to master the Beethoven and Mendelssohn concertos cannot hear the music for the trauma.

Open my broken heart to its healing waves.  
Your craft reflects both the exalted shores of all as well as the depths of despair,  
for your instruments vibrate  
a counterpoint of secret potions  
where the world can be felt,  
in a crucible of alchemical mixtures;  
good and bad,  
agony and ecstasy,  
empathy and sorrow.

It is truly sweet to dance to violins  
even when "life is unfair"!  
for the only respite for me  
in this bloody pain  
is your holy melody.

Never will I forget the Verracini Largo  
or the Halverson Passacaglia  
as I lay in bedded agony  
the moments I could drown out  
the noisy pain  
by the heavenly sound of the violin and cello  
playing as if making love.  
They kept my spirits floating  
despite the monster in the depths below.

So homage will I pay  
to the muse herself  
and hand on this holy craft to those little fingers  
in this 5 year old angel  
who masters the do-re-me  
and feels each session  
as a triumph.