

A Musician's Journey
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- 1 Who understands the progression of a student on a musical journey?
- 2 Who understands that music is not just sitting in a hard chair for hours blowing into a cold piece of metal?
- 3 Who understands that black dots and lines mean more than pretty stripes and polka dots?
- 4 Who understands that music is something that you need to experience to be able to believe in such a beautiful thing?
- 5 There are some days that I wonder if this is the ride that I'm meant to be buckled up on
- 6 Or am I being thrown from the once enjoyable ride?
- 7 There are some days I wonder why I am here
- 8 I doubt myself.
- 9 There are times where I do not think that the top is in reach
- 10 Chugging along like an engine running out of steam, wondering when my time to coast downhill is coming
- 11 But then I am reminded.
- 12 I am here for a reason
- 13 Although that reason may still be unclear
- 14 Something is tugging me in the direction of perseverance like a rope that just won't break
- 15 This is for me.
- 16 The voice of tenacity won't let one down when the heart knows that it is right

- 17 There is a lot to see from up here
- 18 I have not gotten to the top
- 19 But the view is certainly better up here than from the rock bottom
- 20 My name is written on a list
- 21 A list of students who have worked very hard to get there
- 22 My name engraved on an award
- 23 An award that represents how far I have come with the attitude that I am not stopping until I get there
- 24 More bumps, dips, twists, and turns are already foreseeable
- 25 But now I understand.
- 26 Bumps, dips, twists, and turns are part of the ride
- 27 Then I remind myself.
- 28 Without the bumps, dips, twists, and turns
- 29 The ride would be boring
- 30 There would be nothing to see as something viewed as impossible
- 31 Achieved.
- 32 Not only achieved, but accomplished
- 33 The roller coaster is not easy
- 34 Nobody said it would be
- 35 Balancing and juggling life is hard
- 36 But when you get through an obstacle
- 37 You can look back, smile, and say
- 38 I just did that.

Requirements Explained

Lines:

38

Stanzas:

2

Theme:

Who understands the progression of a student on a musical journey?

Repetition:

Lines 24, 26 & 28- "Bumps, dips, twists and turns"

(This was used to describe the obstacles that one needs to go through)

Lines 5, 6, 26 & 29- "ride"

(This explains that a journey is similar to a ride)

Lines 31 & 32- "achieved"

Lines 12 & 13- "reason"

Parallelism:

Lines 1, 2, 3 & 4- "Who understands....."

ALL- Question marks at the end of questions, periods at the end of short thoughts, and no punctuation otherwise.

Lines 8, 15, 31 & 38- Telegraphic sentence to make the reader pause and reflect on what was just said

(This was used to make it a point for the reader to stop and think)

Figurative Language:

ALL- extended metaphor with the idea of a ride/roller coaster (metaphor)

Lines 10- "chugging along...." (metaphor)

Line 35- "balancing and juggling life..." (metaphor)

Line 10- "chugging along like an engine running out of steam" (simile)

Line 14- ".... like a rope that just won't break"