

Ode to My New Guitar

Music is more than an escape:
It is a creative outlet,
Transforming life's pressures
From a hopeless cacophony of debilitating thoughts
Into a healthy symphony of uplifting joy.

A hobby, yes.
A demanding hobby, certainly.
A time wasting hobby, never!
A source of energy, always!

Cheaper and more helpful than a psychiatrist.

Bringing people together
to share the delights
of being human.

The "Ode to My New Guitar" was inspired by the first few hours of pleasure I enjoyed playing my recently purchased *Yamaha FGX 413SC* Electro-Acoustic guitar. Anyone who enjoys playing a musical instrument will identify with the sentiments expressed. I composed this while teaching at the Gale Pond Elementary School in Odessa, TX. The students were writing poems for a class assignment. I told them I would write a poem of my own. This is the poem.

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