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I imagine the sounds of nature. The sounds of life. They are all forms of music. They always will be. Picture a waterfall. With a sandy shoreline and a line of trees. Picture yourself there. Hear all the sounds of nature. The waterfall could be a loud drum. The wind blowing against the tree is kind of like a guitar. When the animals appear, the fish jumping in the water are the cymbals. The wild horses running add a different drum beat. The birds are like the singers. They sing to each other in the morning and at night. All animals have rhythm. It could be a steady rhythm like a horse or a random rhythm like a bear. Different types of animals make different types of rhythms. You could not even count how many different rhythms there are around the world because of nature. I imagine that the many different things of nature are a sign of music. Even if you are just running through the woods, the sounds that you are making are all music. When you are camping in the woods and you lie out under the stars, if you listen closely, you can hear a lot of different animals, a lot of different music. It is just simply amazing!! If you have ever stopped just to hear the natural sounds then you would know how I feel. The simple sounds of nature can become the most beautiful music of all. It is the best music if you actually think about it. When I hear music, it is like I am in the forest and I am just lying on the ground listening to the amazing sounds of the natural environment. Music is simply amazing to my chorus friends and me!