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Imagine music like different seasons in the way that some pieces are totally different than others, and the fact that in different seasons you hear different music. My favorite seasons are fall and winter. I think it's because of the music. Music is everywhere; I hear music everywhere I go and I love it.

Imagine each individual type of music as a mood. For instance, when I'm happy I like to listen to Celtic music, and when I'm excited about something I like listening to show tunes. Music is a gift, and I don't intend on wasting it. There are some times where all I want to do is listen to music, and there are other times where I feel like I'm going to explode if I don't sing. When I do sing, I feel so happy.

Imagine that music is a source of energy. All those people that wake up to the radio, music is what wakes them up. Most of the time I don't like waking up, but I do like waking up when I wake up to music. People also listen to music when they do chores, so music must be a source of energy.

Imagine if everybody did something that involved music. One of the things that I do that involves music is theatre. My family loves music, and I'm glad that they do because I get to be exposed to all different kinds of music. I think that music is really important in our world.

"Music is all around us; all we have to do is listen." – August Rush