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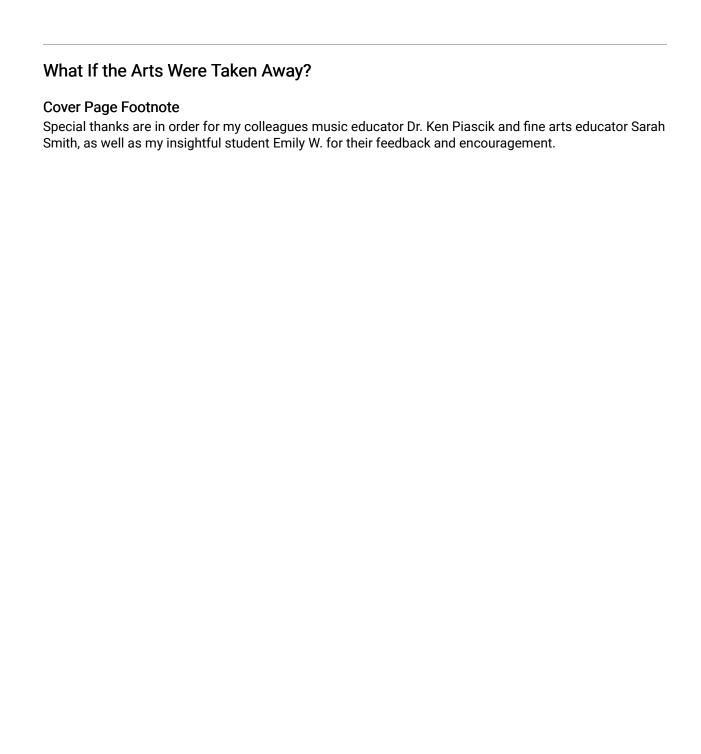
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What If the Arts Were Taken Away?

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Imagine a world

In which the arts

Were taken away

No more colors

Combined

Into inspiring blends.

No more lines

That challenge the task

Of simple,

Yet complex

Boundaries

Sketched

With precision

No more musical notes

To gather

In purposeful

Uniqueness

To share melody

To soothe

Harmoniously

To inspire joy

With wind,

Metal,

Strings

No more sculptures

To bend,

Shape,

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Fuse,
              Scrape
No more clay,
       Iron,
              Brass,
                     Scraps
              Arranged
       With shape,
Style,
       Challenge,
                     Bravado
No more voices
       No purposeful chorus
To interpret
       To blend
              To playfully oppose,
       Yet punctuate
              In balance
       In position
              By definition
                     Through vibration
              Intonation
       Inspiration
              Indication
                     Complexity
                            Integrity
                                    Simplicity
                            Facility
No poetry
       No symphony
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No gallery

Pizzo: No More Arts?

No reverie

No beauty

No imagery

No humanity

What if the arts

Were taken

Away?

No heart

No Soul

No legacy

No life