

Musical Resources

Articles

Krauss, B.J. (2024, In Press). To calm and to commend: Veterans' musical preferences anticipating end of life. *Military Medicine*. DOI: [10.1093/milmed/usae216](https://doi.org/10.1093/milmed/usae216)

Krauss, B. J., Schlievert, M. A., Wagner, B. K., Deutsch, D. M., & Powell R. J. (2020). A pilot study of nonpharmacological interventions for hospice patients with behavioral and psychological symptoms in dementia. *Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing*, 22(6), 489-494. DOI: [10.1097/NJH.0000000000000695](https://doi.org/10.1097/NJH.0000000000000695)

Books

Levitin, Daniel J. (2007). *This is your brain on music: The science of a human obsession*. New York, NY: Plume/Penguin.

Sacks, Oliver. (2008). *Musicophilia: Tales of music and the brain*. New York, NY: Random House.

Campbell, Don (1991). *Music: Physician For Times to Come, An anthology*. Wheaton, IL: Quest Books (The Theosophical Publishing House)

Hollis, Jennifer *Music at the End of Life: Easing the Pain and Preparing the Passage*

Cox, Helen and Roberts, Peter *The Harp and the Ferryman*

Franz, Jane and LaForge, Sandra *From Behind the Harp*

Links to Recommended Performances

For Serious Musicians Interested in the Links between Emotions, Storytelling and Music Theory—

Celine Dion's performance of "All by Myself" before and after experiencing multiple losses, analyzed in depth by a musician with a music theory background and a voice teacher. Foreshadowing: many chord progressions are from Rachmaninoff
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=epqYft12nV4>

A grief and parting song—husband to wife—adapted by Robert Burns for his wife, Jean, from a song from wife to husband

There is tomfoolery by the singer Andy M. Stewart for the first 3 minutes. Wait for it, he throws back his head and sings.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aleyPzq_I8c

Two hymns mentioned by multiple veterans as important to them at end of life and for grieving others

Lord, You have come to the Lakeshore which poignantly mentions that “my boat carries no gold and no weapons”, lyrics available in English and Spanish (rendition by First-Plymouth Church of Lincoln Nebraska at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLxgyWHTPBo>)

“*Mansions of the Lord*”: *To Fallen Soldiers* from the movie “*When we were Soldiers*” (West Point rendition at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jccNoxn1HoU>) Lyrics include: “To fallen soldiers let us sing, Where no rockets fly nor bullets wing, Our broken brothers let us bring, To the mansions of the Lord.”

An African spiritual chant: <https://youtu.be/YtrouhSprzA?si=uR3fS5X5ICbKAmE1>

Media Presentations

Sandberg, D. (Host). (2022-present). *To calm and commend: Music for veterans in hospital or hospice with Beatrice Krauss*. [Radio podcast, second segment of broadcast]. <https://share.transistor.fm/s/6d6f8c81>

Music to Lighten Your Mood

Mentioned by Daniel Levitin as the “definition of ‘groove’”: Stevie Wonder’s *Superstition* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CFuCYNx-1g>

Presenters’ Web Pages

<https://soundcloud.com/beatrice-krauss>

Where to Get Training

<https://www.therapyharp.com/> A fully online course with international participants

<https://www.mhnp.org> Music for Healing and Transition Program

Websites:

www.MTAI.org

www.jenniferhollis.com/music-thanatology

www.frombehindtheharp.com