

TO A YOUNG MUSICIAN

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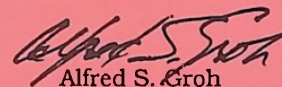
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The gathering place for the musician's songs
Is a sanctuary an audience finds
Where life rejects humanity's wrongs
And rejoices in creative, questing minds.

If no one hears the songs we sing —
And that's their choice —
Shall we, with nothing else to bring,
Silence the singing voice?

We meet at this stage of life
To listen and to learn.
Experience cuts us like a knife.
Reborn we return.

Performing for the singer of songs
With others we have met
Here where the creative spirit belongs,
For us—for life—the stage is set.



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