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The Sound of Comfort

When thinking of ideas for this digital art piece, it was not based on music at first. The base for the piece is based on comfort for when I am bored or in need of it. Video games were going to be the main idea, with the use of my favorite video games and video game consoles at the focus. I changed from this, because when I play video games they are fun, but they don't give me true comfort. There are some moments when I do not enjoy myself while playing games. This led to me thinking of a new idea, which was music. Never in my life has music failed to comfort me. So I used this as the base of my art piece. Spotify is the main streaming service I use to listen to my music, so that is featured in it. The use of the ray of color is to emphasize that music colors a monochrome world. In my case, it just makes my day a little better.

The strengths of this piece focus on the color and theme. The colors of this piece are what make it so interesting. The way that the ray of color beams out of the phonogram is eye catching and makes for a unique touch on the way music gives color. The color contrast of both the bright green spotify logo and the purple space background are a good way of communicating the expression in this piece. The mix of both old and modern music devices is interesting, since music from all ranges of time give the same impact. The use of the space background emphasizes a sense of floating, which is a great example of being comfortable for most people. The weaknesses of this piece are mainly around the composition of it. The way that the items are layered need to be worked on. There is a slight sense of layering, but it is still slightly flat with the way the airpods and aux cords are positioned in the piece. The same thing with the phonogram, it could be positioned or altered to have a more satisfying placement, rather than just sitting flat on the bottom corner of the piece.

This work is important to me because it shows how music shines color in my life. Everytime I drive, or everytime I lay down and just listen, music makes the activity so much better. My current song of the week is Lemon Boy by Cavetown, since it has an amazing feel to it and the lyrics have a unique meaning/message. The artist who inspired me is Erin Hanson. She is a San Diego-based artist, considered to be the originator of painting style called "Open Impressionism." Her landscape paintings are what led me to create my piece. The way that her pieces show color give me a happy feeling, and they are truly beautiful. There are no specific pieces that gave me a certain inspiration, but the color scheme of her pieces gave me the idea to use a ray of color in my piece.

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