

OVATION

The use of the word “Ovation” actually pertains to a brand of guitar as displayed in the picture to the right.



Years ago, I had the opportunity to purchase an Ovation and a very good price: working for the company that manufactured the guitar, I purchased an Ovation Legend direct from the factory in Connecticut. The event alone was exciting enough, but to possess and play the instrument was a real joy. **Music, however simple and brief in my understanding and ability, has a way of elevating the soul.**

I have an appreciation for music, however limited my understanding, and in particular like to hear the guitar – it is the one instrument that I can at least *play at* (as opposed to play). My primary interest is in the folk guitar, flat picking and Bluegrass and Folk music; but I also enjoy listening to a Classical guitar; electric guitars are ok but not nearly as interesting to me.

As I touch on the subject of music, let me add that my desire is that each of you gives some attention and interest to this area as well. I would be very pleased to hear you play and/or sing, and to watch you talents come alive through song and instrument. As you have opportunity through school or church, music will allow you to further your ability in the performing arts – it just for a few years but preferably for a lifetime.

My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary.

- Martin Luther, *German religious reformer (1483 - 1546)*

As *music calms the beast* or at mesmerizes the cobra, so it also brings satisfaction to many as both Martin Luther and George Eliot describe. Though the form or type of music may vary among music lovers, the common condition is that it is well received and even pursued for its entertaining and pacifying qualities. Some like to dance to music, others like to play and sing it, still others enjoy listening to it; but all of us must

I think I should have no other mortal wants, if I could always have plenty of music. It seems to infuse strength into my limbs and ideas into my brain. Life seems to go on without effort, when I am filled with music.

- George Eliot, English novelist (1819 - 1880)

live with it....so find your way.

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