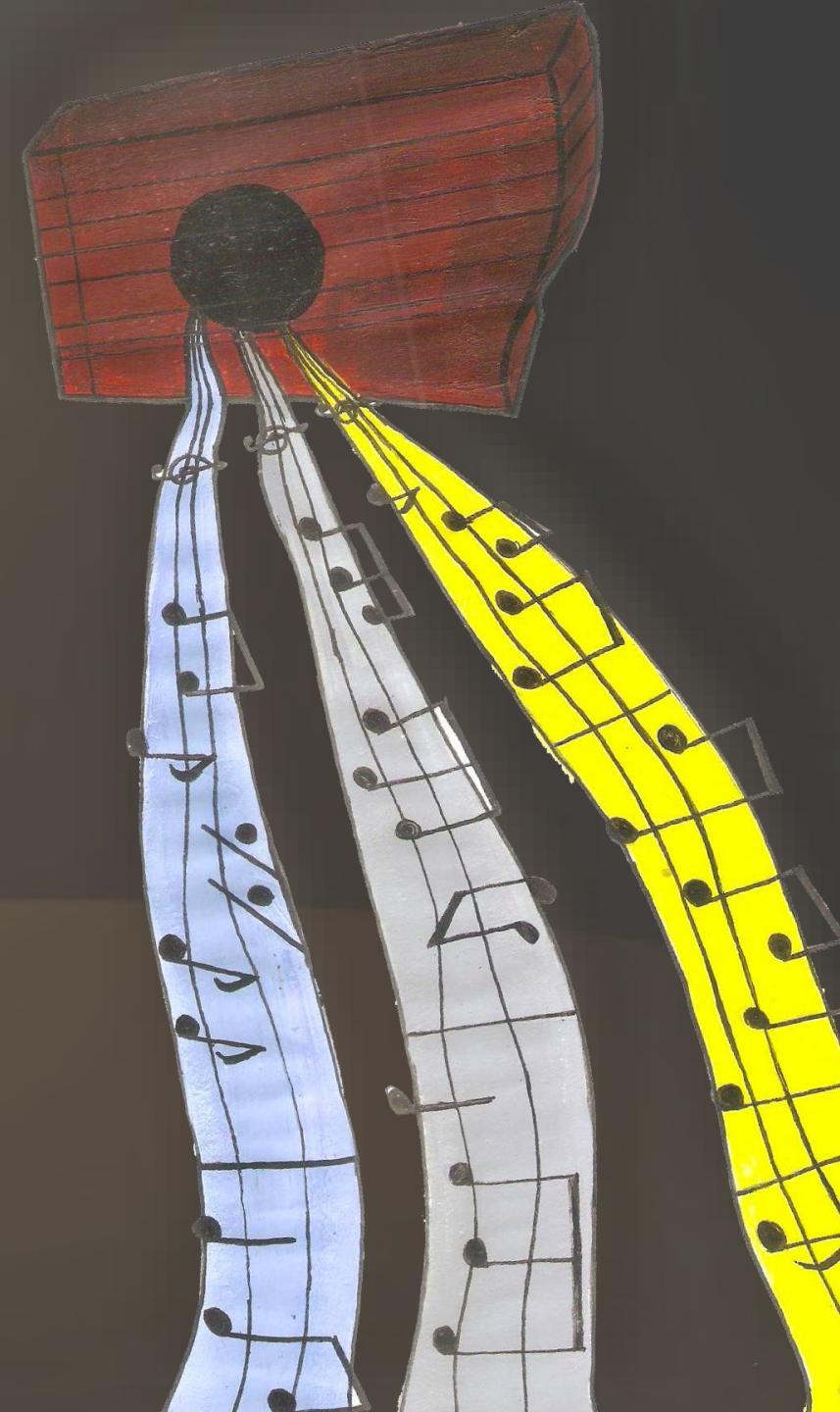


The Power of Music

Fatemi Dawat

Hikayaat Series

A group of men from that craft were assembled by invitation of an important man who was a leader, when a ragged man came in wearing the clothes of ascetics. The host chose him over all the others to sit at the head of the assembly, and denial appeared on their faces. He wanted to explain his virtue, so he asked him to play something, so he took out some pieces of wood and put them together, and stretched on them some strings which he had with him, and moved them.



He made everyone in the assembly laugh, from pleasure and joy, then he turned around and moved the strings in a different way, and made everyone in the assembly cry, from sadness and sympathy, then he turned around and moved them differently, and made them all fall asleep, then got up and left and no one heard of him again.

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