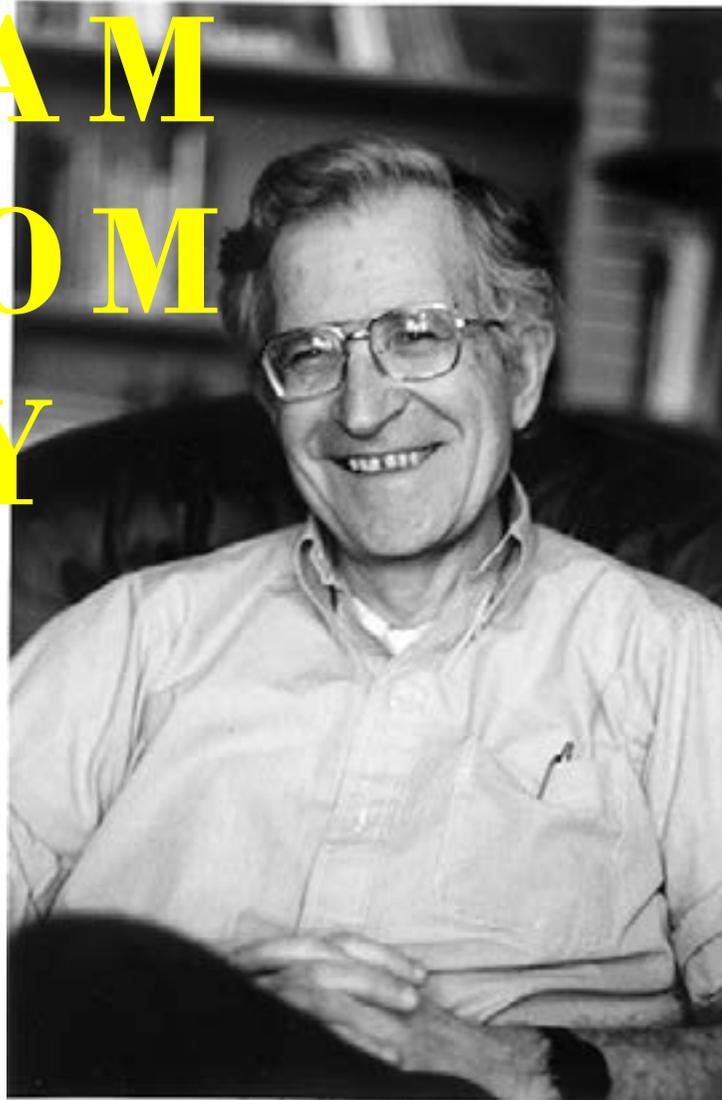


“
music
has no
language
”

Haiqa Rizwan Dar

NOAM CHOM SKY



“Language is a process of free creation; its laws and principles are fixed, but the manner in which the principles of generation are used is free and infinitely varied. Even the interpretation and use of words involves a process of free creation.”

INTRO DUCTION

Whenever one thinks about the history of mankind, two major things come to mind. Firstly, the paintings found in the Lascaux and Chauvet-caves which is proof that humans were natural storytellers and secondly, there comes the need for communication which brings us to the invention of language. With the power of images and words, human beings have been conveying messages quite effectively.

During college years, I and my sister got into anime and manga. We got really inspired by the Japanese culture and decided to study it. Watching anime also included hearing their opening and ending songs which were in Japanese. The more we kept hearing those songs, the more we started making sense of some words and their meanings. As time passed, we had learnt at least eight to ten full songs. Learning the language by listening to songs was much easier than learning it through the meaning of words. Because me and my sister had developed an interest in not only Japanese, but other languages like French and Latin too, so we just thought of making one of our own. We simply thought of language as sounds so we just started thinking of gibberish and writing it, giving a meaning to each word we wrote. Then we thought

of playing a small prank and posted it as a thread on the website which served as a platform for anime and manga discussion. We also gave it a name and just wrote that “I found it on some random website and found it really interesting so I decided to post it on the platform for discussion. People actually took those words as a real language without knowing that they were just random words made by teenagers. Then time passed and I forgot about it.

What Language is to me?

Recently, I got a chance to visit the website again and while I was surfing through my old account I found the language thread. Other users had also commented on my post and one of those comments caught me by surprise. There was one member who had written that a word in the language we posted was similar to a word from his own language but obviously the meanings were different..

Steaktacular

Narutobase Member



Prancha is a word that exists in my language, it means board (or diving board) xd [1]

Language: Malayalam

Release date: 17 March 2017



Pareeth Pandari

Pareeth Pandari is a 2017 Indian Malayam-language drama film written and directed by Gafoor Elliyas, and starring Kalabhavan Shajohn in the lead role.

(Wikipedia)

What does Pareeth mean?

It is often strong personalities who have this name. Energetic, charismatic, ambitious and focused.

Born to be an executive. If they have true passion for something, they can give everything for it.

However this also works both ways. If others want to force on to them things which do not inspire, they can totally refuse to go along.

Noam Chomsky

Barry Smith in his BBC podcast talks discusses the ideas of Noam Chomsky on language. One major thing that makes us humans is the ability to speak. In this regard, a study of other species like animals and birds was conducted with the initial hypothesis that all living things like animals and birds speak in a certain language. Upon analysing the sounds made by crows, it was found out that animals are merely talking in signals which all of their species already know. If crows make certain sound for signalling when a predator is near then all the other species of birds will also be able to understand it as they also know that signal.

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This study concluded that language is something only spoken by humans. Other species on earth have limited signals in which they communicate while language has grammar. It has endless possibilities. According to Noam Chomsky, human language is distinct from all other forms of speech. Human beings come prepared with a grammatical structure in their brain. Infants don't learn to speak by imitating what they are exposed to, rather they analyse what they hear with this grammatical structure and thus learn to speak. [3]

on Language

Different words but same meanings

Language is something which is really complex. The same thing can be said in a thousand ways. There exists a wide range of words with similar meanings and we human combine all of them to make sentences. Even if we are told to convey a certain message from someone to another person, the words which we would use to say the same thing will be different. Even the sentence structure will be different. Below are some words from different languages which are pronounced differently but have the same meaning:

Korean & Tamil
are quite similar



Two words from different languages having the same alphabets and pronunciation is one thing but it's really fascinating if both of them have the same meaning too. Such is the case with Korean and Tamil language. Shocking similarities have been found between them.

Korean	Tamil	Meaning
Appa	Appa	Father
Abeoji	Appuchi	Grandpa
Umma	Amma	Mother
Eonni	Anni	Sister in law
Igo	Ithu	This
Nal	Naal	Day
Jogeum Joguem	Konjam Konjam	Little bit
Eoneu	Onnu	One
Aigu	Aiyo	Expression of surprise

Lisa Gerrard



The singer who invented her own language

Lisa Gerrard is an Australian musician, singer and a composer who is well known for inventing her own language and singing songs using it. She calls it "gosalia" and says that it is "the language of her heart". It comprises of words which are really similar to the sounds which young children use to talk or sing when they are learning to communicate and Lisa herself remembers singing songs using it since she was twelve years old. She is famous for her song Now We Are Free which has also been used in the infamous movie Gladiator.

Now We Are Free

Gladiator OST

Glosalalia

Anol shalom
Anol sheh lay konnud de ne um
Flavum
Nom de leesh
Ham de nam um das...
La um de
Flavne
We de ze zu bu
We de sooo a ru
Un va-a pesh a lay
Un vi-i bee
Un da la pech ni sa

Aaahh

Un di-i lay na day
Un ma la pech a nay mee di nu ku

La la da pa da le na da na
Ve va da pa da le na la dumda
La la da pa da le na da na
Ve va da pa da le na la dumda
La la da pa da le na da na
Ve va da pa da le na la dumda
La la da pa da le na da na
Ve va da pa da le na la dumda

English

Almighty Freedom
Almighty freer of the soul
Be free
Walk with me
Through the golden fields
So lovely
Lovely

We regret our sins, but...
We sew our own fate and
Under my face I remain feeble
Under my face, I smile

Aaahh)

Even alone/afraid
Under my face I will be waiting

Run with me now soldier of Rome
Run and play in the field with the ponies
Run with me now soldier of Rome
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Learn Na'vi With Avatar

Na'vi language was developed for Avatar by Paul Frommer, a professor at USC Marshall School of Business with a doctorate in linguistics. [6]

Vocabulary

The Na'vi language became so famous with the release of Avatar that people made entire groups dedicated to learning the language and its fans also communicate in it. There is a website where you can learn Na'vi.

Download the Na'vi / English Dictionary

Last update: 06 Sept, 2019 by Titstewan

This section contains a reasonably current list of Na'vi words. The definitive list is the above linked dictionary. To search this vocabulary list, use the following Keyboard shortcut:

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Mac: ⌘+F

' [ʔ] (*tiftang, Apostrophe, Glottal Stop*)

'ä' [ʔæʔ] *intj.* oops!

'a'aw [ʔa.ʔaw] *adj.* a few, several

'ä'o [ʔæ.ʔo] *n.* pitcher plant

'akra [ʔak.ra] *n.* soil (fertile)

'aku [ʔ.a.k.u] *vtr.* remove, take away, take off

'al [ʔ.al] *vtr.* waste

'ali'ä [ʔa.li.ʔæ] *n.* collar / choker

'ampi [ʔ.am.p.i] *vtr.* touch

'ampirikx [ʔam.pi.rik] *n.* leaf pitcher plant

'ana [ʔa.na] *n.* hanging vine

'ango [ʔa.ŋo] *adj.* soft (of a sound)

'angtsik [ʔaŋ.ʔsɪk] *n.* hammerhead

'anla [ʔ.an.l.a] *vtr.* yearn for

'ewan [ʔe.wan] *adj.* young

'ewll [ʔe.wl] *n.* plant

'ewrang [ʔew.ran] *n.* loom

'eylan [ʔej.lan] *n.* friend

'eylanay [ʔej.la.'na] *n.* acquaintance (with the potential for becoming a friend)

'eyng [ʔej.ŋ] *v.* answer, respond

'eyt [ʔej.t] *n.* the symbol 8 (not the value eight)

'i'a [ʔ.i.'a] *vin.* end, conclude

'i'awn [ʔ.i.'awn] *vin.* remain, stay

'ia [ʔ.i.'a] *vin.* lose oneself (spiritual sense)

'ihayu [ʔi.'he.ju] *n.* spiral

Music has

This is a phrase that my abbu told me & I took it to heart. Music is not just about the lyrics, music is the instruments, its sound editing, small background noises which are compiled to be called a song. No matter in what language it is; for me music is music. It invokes emotions and feelings through lyrics and the track itself. I have always listened to all kinds of music irrespective of language or the singer. As long as it lifts my mood or inspires me to do something noteworthy with my life, it's worth listening to. Music has impacted people all over the world, it impacts their emotions, their lives or even decisions & the interesting thing remains; that music from different countries trend globally and is accepted irrespective of its culture or language. . Few examples that would come to my mind would be Alors on Danse or Danza Kuduro that I have listened to & liked very much.



Alors on Danse
French



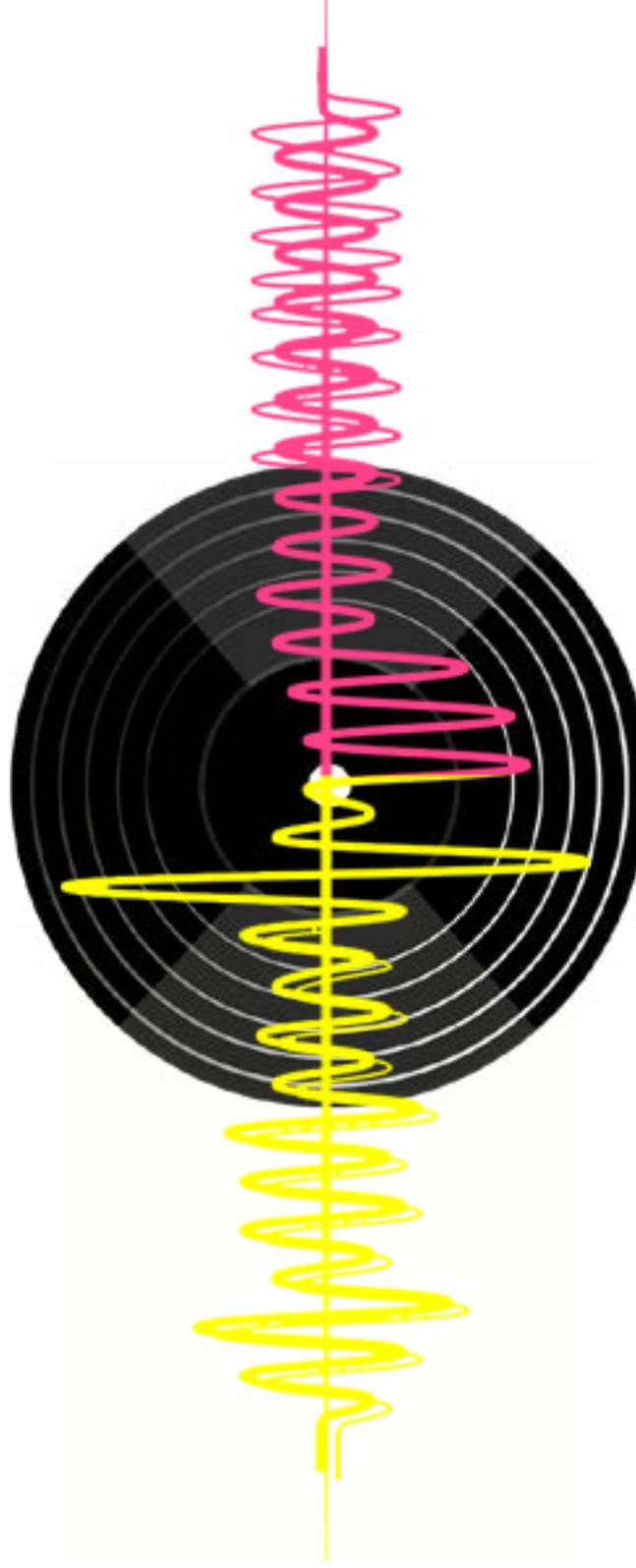
Danza Kuduro
Spanish



Good day for a Good day
Korean

no language

With the power of images and words, human beings have been conveying messages quite effectively. It is a way of communicating with each other but when I listen to a Japanese or Korean song, the lyrics become sounds that impact my mood as much as an English or Urdu song would. Why? From what I have researched, music came before language. The early music had no lyrics only sounds & a tune to accompany it in the background. The earliest forms of music were drum-based, rocks or sticks used as instruments as they were readily available at the time. In short, music without lyrics is like an instrumental song.



It still conveys and we take from it as much as we would from an English or Urdu song. Upon more research, I found how when we listening to a song in our own language, our brain automatically analyses the textual part of the song, to analyze the meaning or trying to find rhymes in it causing us to not pay much attention to the interplay of sounds. These barriers are removed when we listen to a song in a different language because we don't understand the lyrics so we pay attention to song itself as a whole rather than focusing on one element.

Melissa Mcracken



The artist who sees sounds

Melissa is a Missouri-based artist who paints music. Since birth, she has a condition called Synesthesia. People with synesthesia related to music may also have perfect pitch because their ability to see/hear colors aids them in identifying notes or keys. As a Synesthete, the sounds that she hears every day, whether it's someone's name or a song on the radio, are translated into vibrant, beautiful colors that carry the cadence of melodies.

Sound Paintings



[7]

Melissa's oil and acrylic paintings express snippets of the dizzyingly spectacular sights she sees and hears each day. She is inspired by the music she listens to everyday & it helps her create art bursting with texture or splashes of polychromatic delight. Go to the next slide to get a better sense of her thought process as she created these art pieces.



Life On Mars

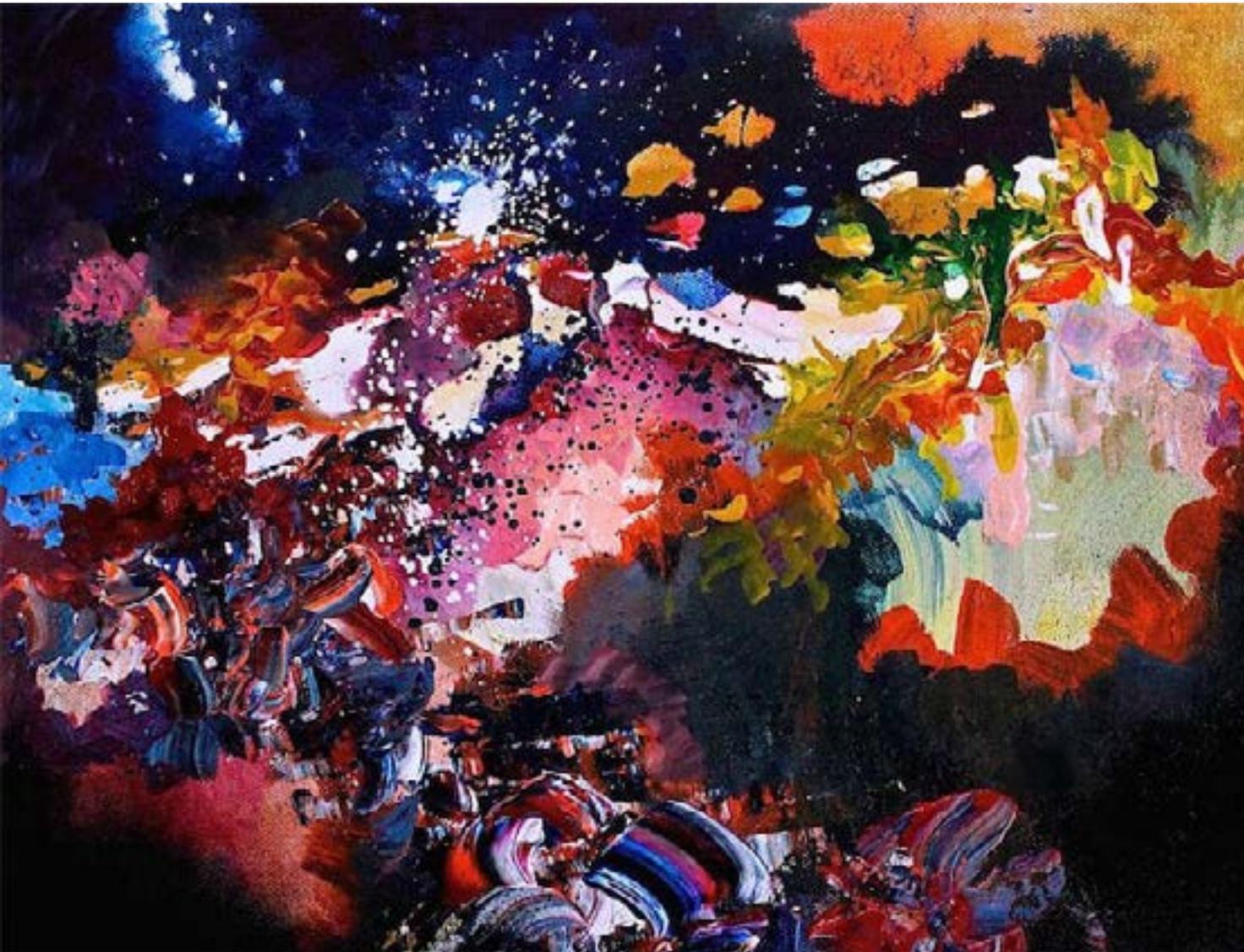
David Bowie

Gravity

John Mayer



[7]



Karma Police

Radiohead

Stayin' Alive With Music

From as early as ancient Egypt Greece & Babylonians, music has been used by people for healing & therapy. During the Black Plague, it was used by doctors as they believed it helped in the healing process. It was also used for curing depression or for meditation. The 14th Century composer Guillaume de Machaut was deeply troubled by the Black Death but he never mentioned any of that grief in his music because he believed that music encourages only peace & happiness. He wrote:

“Music is a science which asks that one laugh, and sing, and dance. It does not care for melancholy nor for the man who is melancholy.”



Quarantine Orchestra

During these unprecedented times, people are not letting go of music. Even famous orchestras like Sarasota have moved online. They've released a series of 34 short online videos which are collectively called "Music Moves Us".[9]



Balcony Concert

Social distancing is important but music is important too! People from all over the world are now performing on their balconies and relieving their stress through music. [10]



Play the above video to see what idea have people come up with.

People singing from balconies during coronavirus lockdown are part of a long tradition of using music to fight fear, stretching back through the Black Death to the 7th century

End

With the advent of technology, internet has made it possible for anyone to create their own language by just following a YouTube tutorial. Before, language was something principled but now anyone can follow those principles and come up with a language of their own. This has opened doorways to a very different perspective to languages which has also affected our perception for music. Today, a songs' language does not matter as much as its vibe or emotion. Music is global and is listened in every corner of the world, may it be instrumental, Japanese, French, Spanish etc. This causes us to understand how the relationship of music & language is inter-related. They have evolved with technology, making them easily accessible for anyone around the world to experiment and create new songs & languages.

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