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People observed that during Glen Campbell's final tour he was completely "lost" on the stage but played and sang flawlessly. A person that worked for Bo Diddley in his final days noticed when his friends came over to jam with him, he came alive and was completely normal during the songs.

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Segstar

Yes i watched the entire concert with Glen, it brought tears to my eyes , can't seem to find it now...will keep checking...great soul.. youtu.be/iOzb8to5Vsc

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reb22656

Same with Tony Bennett.

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jam9139

Every week a couple of my dementia mom's friends come over to sing hymns with her. It is the highlight of her week, and she knows every word. She used to play the piano and the joy on her face while singing is so great to see. I just wish they could stay all the time!:)

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Cabocho

Memory loss is perhaps a misnomer as people think it refers to past events you may have forgotten whereas the reality for both the sufferer and the carer is somewhat different. Imagine if you will, that a conversation held five minutes ago was blanked out, that your closest relatives are often unrecognised and your simplest devices are useless because you have no idea which button to press. Your confusion makes every day seem like the previous one as you have no recollection of what happened and when. Your travel options are limited to a few very familiar ones and your bank account is inaccessible because you don't remember the access details, nor where you may have stored them.

Delusions and paranoia set in as you cannot remember whom to trust. Worse still familiar surroundings appear to keep changing because you cannot remember how they are supposed to look. At the same time you insist you do not require help because you have forgotten about your illness. The reality of the situation and despair of those trying to care for you is captured in the film "The Father" starring Antony Hopkins and Olivia Colman. <https://youtu.be/tKbKJ6MxHfc>

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pinklucygirl

My parents gave me piano lessons from the time I was in second grade. They made me practice when I would rather be outside playing. Today I thank God for my parents' wisdom and persistence. I am 82 and play the piano every day. It brings me great pleasure. I'm happy to learn from Dr. Mercola that it also helps my brain.

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Catryna

pinklucygirl My parents did as well. There are 7 of us siblings and we all learned to play the piano early on and all moved on from there to play 1 or 2 more instruments. Both our parents played the piano and our father also played the trombone. Our father also had a beautiful singing voice and his father could play any instrument he picked up..

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bee70578

Cue the drummer jokes....

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juststeve

It's a bittersweet thing to see those who are generally lost near or in dementia just come alive when something you know was so loved in their youth, their past is afforded them. The sweet stands head and shoulders above the bitter though.

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bchristine

I've always loved music and could not function in life without it. I find there's almost always a song playing in my head and I go around humming all the time - despite my mood.

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NaturalGrown

Difficult to argue against science, til it's proven wrong. Many of the world's greatest guitarists were also great pianists. Seems to be a link between the two there, with the finger positions. And to add, the piano IS a stringed instrument as well. Also, I've read previously that just memorizing the music to play on an instrument was excellent mental exercise, regardless of the instrument. Imagine how bland and dismal life would be without the color and character of true musical virtuosos through the years. It was said that as T Edison went deaf he would bite into his phonograph frame to hear the sound of the records he played. The power of music.

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pecanroll

Agree

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FritzKJN

I watched my 91 Year old Mother, who had alzheimer's, sing the words to songs from her youth. She was able to sing the words even though no longer able to converse at any level.

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