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This was a person's reflection on first hearing Mozart. It made me consider how each of us has the chance for that magical experience each time we offer a Thinking Environment to a person. To give Attention that generates eloquent, autonomous, often extraordinary thinking in a person is to experience that much beauty. It is as if all we had previously heard and known had not been thinking at all.

And I think that when we don't do that, when we interrupt and think for people, when we have to be the experts on their lives, when we hurry each other, when it is only our voice we opt to hear, we miss the music.