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Leon, I have mixed emotions. I have asked, researched, spent a great deal of my own time listening, reading, gathering, asking others, and have decided not to fund the symphony. I wanted to let you know so that you would not hold false hopes. I value your friendship greatly. I have found little, and that characterization is already generous, support for the ambitious, and laudatory goals. An academic idea that eventually fails, in its musical realization, would best categorize even the most good-willed of commentary. Sorry, I hope this does not affect our continuing relationship.

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