

*A Prayer for Purpose,*

a dance by Sierra Tinhof

# Artwork

**Käthe Kollwitz**

“Self portrait”

- Early 20<sup>th</sup> century German visual artist
- Work focuses on the human condition, antiwar themes
- Known for the enormous sense of empathy present in her work



# Poem

*If I can stop one heart from breaking*

Emily Dickinson

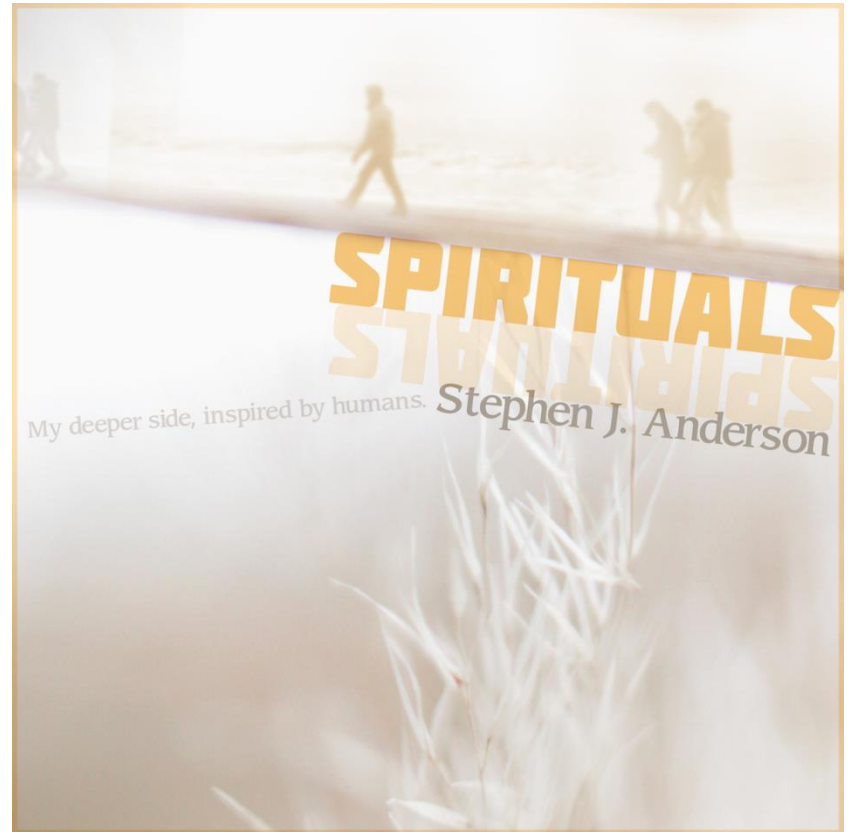


If I can stop one heart from  
breaking,  
I shall not live in vain;  
If I can ease one life the  
aching,  
Or cool one pain,  
Or help one fainting robin  
Unto his nest again,  
I shall not live in vain.

# Music

Path to Freedom

Stephen J. Anderson



# Inspiration

- \* What does it mean to be an artist?
- \* What are the personal struggles one must face when they choose an artistic life path?
- \* Why choose an artistic path?
- \* Where does this essence of artistry/creative energy live in the body?
- \* How is the creative work transmitted from the inner world to the outer?

# Dance Structure

## Inspirational Terms/Images/Ideas

- \* Vain
- \* Heart
- \* Zig-zag
- \* Inner to outer
- \* Ease one life the aching

## Movements

- \* “Vain” pose
- \* “Heart/Prayer/Offer”  
movement
- \* Zig-zag floor patterns
- \* “Gathering and Scattering”
- \* “Contract and release”

# “Basic Phrase”



# Dance Theatre

- \* Also known as: *Tanztheater*
- \* “the union of genuine dance and theatrical methods of stage performance, creating a new, unique dance form (especially in Germany), which, in contrast to classical ballet, distinguishes itself through an intended reference to reality” (Servos as cited in, “Tanztheater defined”)



Pina Bausch: “Der Fensterputzer”  
“In [Bausch's] performances the players did not merely dance; they spoke, sang - and sometimes they cried or laughed too.”  
(Servos, “Tanztheater Wuppertal”)



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Danced by Jenalee Mariotti, Quinci Daoust, and Skyler Gahley