

Coda

Returning home, hearing about Jazzman Gary Burton's autobiography, "Learning to Listen."

Wind (in my ears)
Running water
Geophony

Quacking
Taking off
Landing
Squawking
Flapping wings in water (bathing?)
Chasing duck away from territory
Crying
Walking quietly
Drinking from small bowl
Ducks
Geese
Sea Gulls
Dogs
Biophony

Jet plane in far distance
Cars passing (many, but surprisingly muted)
Motorcycles (4 cruisers in group, 1 sport solo)
Footsteps on wooden walkway
People, in small groups, talking quietly as they walk by
Kids running feet, across the walkway
Man coughing
Man exclaiming upon a misstep
The scratch of my fountain pen on my notebook
Me, brushing away gnats(?)
Young girl, skipping, singing, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."
Mother running after her daughter
Men, speaking spanish
Their kids, speaking english
Setting up for lunch, just a bit back toward the entrance (me feeling guilty, because I thought that they would have preferred my spot)
Kids greeting dog, cautiously, then leaping back in delighted, giggling "fear" as it engages
Woman talking (respectfully, quietly) on her mobile
Two women, sitting opposite me toward the end of my thirty minutes, talking about the imminent downsizing of the labor force in a local hospital
Boy, across pond, shouting in glee
Walking sticks clacking down on wooden walkway
Mechanical
Natural
Anthrophony

Young girl who didn't cry after falling down on all fours
Dogs who didn't bark (despite temptations)
Wind sound that fell away to quiet as I moved deeper into preserve
My thoughts
Sounds of Silence (always remember to "play the rests")

Sounds of Avalon

Sounds and Impressions

About Avalon



Location: Stony Brook, LI, New York, USA

Small nature preserve bordering on a large pond on Long Island's north shore

Developed by James Simons (hedge fund billionaire) in memory of his son -- one of two who died tragically, ten years apart, at the primes of their lives

Jim was on the board of the company, Symbol Technologies, where I spent the first 26 years of my career, and my final interviewer before being appointed as first COO, then CEO in 2002



My View

Bernie Krause Sound-scape Taxonomy (TED)

My humble addition to Krause's Taxonomy