Discussion Questions for:
***Ain't No Way*, Aretha Franklin; *Something Inside Me*, Elmore James; *Everybody Hurts*, REM; *Symphony Nº3 (Symphony of Sorrowful Songs)*, Henryk Górecki**

For each piece:

1) What were your observations about the music?
2) What is the artist experiencing? What is the story?
3) How can you relate to what the artist is experiencing?
4) What did you experience while listening to the piece of music?
5) What memories does it provoke?
6) What struck you about it?
7) How did your mind or heart open during the piece? How were you awakened?
8) If there was an example of artistic expression, how did it change your initial experience?

Discussion after all of the pieces have been discussed individually:

1) What is the purpose of music?
2) What is the human experience?
3) How can we find meaning in suffering?
4) How can we avoid reducing this experience?
5) Where can we find beauty in the grittiness of humanity?
6) How is there joy in sadness?
7) What is your experience of being sad? What about homesickness or yearning?
8) Have you ever been "thirsty for love"?
9) What does it mean to be 'fully alive'?