



*In response to Linda Nunes*  
*Sometimes It's Rough*

### ***Acoustic Ecology***

Variations in soundscapes as a result of natural phenomena and human endeavor may have wide-ranging ecological effects as many organisms have evolved to respond to acoustic cues that emanate primarily from undisturbed habitats.

there is a harmony in nature  
a sound measured by scientists  
the more orchestrated the night sounds  
the healthier the environment  
even the sound of a jet  
your dog barking  
the sound of your car passing  
with music out the windows  
throws off this keen coordination  
impacts that night song  
throws off natural rhythms  
cleaves off survivability and sustainability

so perhaps I'll be kinder to myself  
when your words put me off  
rock me over  
I'll try grooving to my own tone of nature  
don't ever quip  
words can never harm me



Linda Nunes, *Sometimes It's Rough*, cold wax, mixed media, 16 x 16 inches

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