

Harmony and Rhythm; for which reason some wise men held, the Soul itself to be Harmony; others, that it contains it.

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WE will now determine, whether it is proper, that Children should be taught to sing, and play upon any instrument, which we have before made a matter of doubt. Now, it is well known, that it makes a great deal of difference when you would qualify any one in any art, for the person himself to learn the practical part of it; for it is a thing very difficult, if not impossible, for a man to be a good judge of what he himself cannot do. It is also very necessary that Children should have some employment which will amuse them; for which reason the Rattle of Architas seems well contrived, which they give Children to play with, to prevent their breaking those things which are about the house; for at their age they cannot sit still: this therefore is well adapted to Infants, as Instruction ought to be their Rattle as they grow up; hence it is evident, that they should be so taught Music as to be able to practise it. Nor is it difficult to say what is becoming or unbecoming of their