

Find The When: When Did You Stop Practicing Your Magical Medicine?

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There's this meme floating around...

"In many shamanic societies, if you came to a shaman or medicine person complaining of being disheartened, dispirited, or depressed, they would ask one of four questions.

When did you stop dancing?

When did you stop singing?

When did you stop being enchanted by stories?

When did you stop finding comfort in the sweet territory of silence?"



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Okay, great, we have found crucial healing paths for humans.

Dancing. Singing. Stories. Comforting silence.

Yes. Magical medicine. Passions. Ways to heal. Let's also key in on the question. Focus on the wonder here. The *answer* isn't the key.

WHEN. The question is when. When did you stop? When did you no longer practice the healing thing that helps you be more you? More human, more on fire, more full of passion and life and brilliant love? When did you stop?

Trace it back. Track it back. Root cause analysis. What sticky space crafted the crash? What happened in your timeline of when?

Was it a job that soured? A moment in time when you realized your career path wasn't yours any longer? A fight with your partner when you knew you should've been exes long ago?

A disconnect in your daily life, like recognizing your regular routine was creating depression and anxiety? Maybe it was a specific traumatic incidence of argument or fray? Find your when, and you can find the way out.

I stop dancing when I have "too much work to do on the computer."

I stop singing when I don't make time to slow down and do bedtime gently with my sweet 1-year-old baby boy.

I stop being enchanted by stories when I no longer *feed* myself with good stories, and instead, feed myself social media

scrolling and drama.

I stop finding comfort in silence when I'm so anxious and burned out that I cannot hold still for fear of panic attacks and overwhelm.

Yes, seek the dancing, singing, stories, and silence, and also seek the *when*. You've got this. I believe in you.

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For more self-study, [The Urban Howl](#) recommends [The Inner Voice of Love: A Journey Through Anguish to Freedom](#) .

Sip a little more:

***Choose Nourishment That Supports The Fullness Of
Your Magical Being***

***Rebellion Is Not Feeling Guilty For Being "Too
Much Woman"***

***Create A New Pile Of Old Bones & Conjure New
Life: Relationship Archeology***

"No more nice girl. No more small. Instead, let's set the world on fire. Incite a riot of awakening. Cuz it's time, yet again, to stop messing around."

SHANNON CROSSMAN

*F*ck Off: I'm Not A Good, Obedient Girl Anymore*

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