**An Assault to the Ears**

When given time to work on their homework this 8-2 class sounds like…

A swarm of bees buzzing around a honey nest.

Continuous thunder crashing during a violent summer storm.

The hollering wind of a tornado whipping against the exterior of a house.

A dump truck emptying its contents onto a gravel road.

A lion’s roar after being threatened by a challenger in the wild

A jackhammer smashing concrete into tiny stones

The New York Philharmonic Orchestra practicing with their instruments out of tune.

The blast from a thousand cannon balls being released at the exact same time.

A flock of squawking seagulls on a harbor front fighting over a scrap of fish guts.

**Pure Joy and Happiness**



The joy and happiness I feel when the 8-2 class accomplishes a goal feels as good as…

My favorite team coming back to win the Super Bowl after being down 21 points at half.

Drinking a glass of hot chocolate after shoveling the driveway following a winter’s storm.

Finding a lost item that has been missing for months.

Reaching into a pocket of an old pair of jeans and finding a $100 bill.

Attending a family reunion and seeing relatives that you haven’t seen in years.

Opening presents on Christmas morning.

Having my teeth cleaned at the dentist and having no cavities.

Completing a great novel in which the main characters have all their dreams come true.