

“Can’t Stop”

STOP

VERB

(of an event, action, or process) come to an end; cease to happen.

NOUN

a cessation of movement or operation.

Hopefully, art will not come to end or cease to happen. It can't stop, even if people sometimes copy or steal.

This piece was inspired by a quote from Picasso, “Good artists copy, great artists steal,” and an article from The Lost Ogle titled, “Desmond Mason is still ripping off other artists.” The article pointed out that Desmond’s use of repetitive heart shapes was copied from the street artist Mr. Brainwash who copied from street artist Banksy.

My research indicates that the heart shape may have been born when artists and scientists from the Middle Ages attempted to draw representations of ancient medical texts. Since the human heart has long been associated with emotion and pleasure, the shape was eventually co-opted as a symbol of romance and medieval courtly love. It grew especially popular during the Renaissance, when it was used in religious art depicting the Sacred Heart of Christ and as one of the four suits in playing cards. By the 18th and 19th centuries, meanwhile, it had become a recurring motif in love notes and Valentine’s Day cards.