Russian-born Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840–1893) is one of the great composers of the Romantic period. He excelled as a conductor and taught at the Moscow Conservatory, resigning in 1878 to devote himself entirely to composing. This piece was premiered in Boston in 1875 and quickly found its way into the repertoire of great pianists all over the world. Tchaikovsky composed in almost every genre, and was known for his beautiful melodies, rich harmonies, exciting rhythms and mood contrasts.



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