

Arnold Schoenberg sought to write music that avoided traditional tonal implications, which eventually led him away from tonality altogether. *Herzgewächse* is a short piece for high soprano and what has been called 'an awkward ensemble'. It is an example of the 'sound of colour', the result of Schoenberg's collaboration with his friend, the avant-garde painter Kandinsky. One of Schoenberg's best-known works, *Pierrot Lunaire* marks a return to counterpoint. His *Four Orchestral Songs* balance the traditional settings of texts with innovative instrumentation, while the propulsive power of the earlier *Chamber Symphony* brings to mind the music of Beethoven.

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**Arnold
SCHOENBERG**
(1874-1951)

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| 1 | Herzgewächse, Op. 20 (1911) ¹ | 3:31 |
| 2-22 | Pierrot Lunaire, Op. 21 (1912) ² | 36:30 |
| 23-26 | Four Orchestral Songs, Op. 22 (1916) ³ | 13:32 |
| 27 | Chamber Symphony No. 1, Op. 9 (1906) ⁴ | 20:20 |

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