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3 Allegro	2:49	12 Allegro	3:08
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5 Largo	3:13	14 Andante molto	3:04
6 Allegro	2:20	15 Allegro	2:45
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7 Presto	2:03	17 Allegro	3:16
8 Larghetto	2:26	18 Largo	3:11
9 Allegro	2:58	19 Allegro	2:50

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