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STRAUSS: An Alpine Symphony

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*An Alpine Symphony*, the last of Richard Strauss's symphonic poems, drew its inspiration from a youthful climbing expedition in the Alps, using Nietzsche's idea of liberation through Nature. Taking the listener on an epic journey, beginning at night, through sunrise and finishing at sunset, it evokes the varying moods of the mountains, not least the terrifying dangers they represent. *An Alpine Symphony* is scored for a very large orchestra, including multiple woodwind and brass, a huge percussion battery, organ, wind and thunder machines.

Richard  
**STRAUSS**  
(1864-1949)

**Eine Alpensinfonie (An Alpine Symphony), Op. 64** **54:14**

1	Nacht (Night) –	3:58	12	Gefahrvolle Augenblicke (Dangerous Moments) –	1:29
2	Sonnenaufgang (Sunrise) –	1:28	13	Auf dem Gipfel (On the Summit) –	5:19
3	Der Anstieg (The Ascent) –	2:17	14	Vision (Vision) –	3:58
4	Eintritt in den Wald (Entry into the Wood) –	6:08	15	Nebel steigen auf (Mists rise) –	0:20
5	Wanderung neben dem Bache (Wandering by the Stream) –	0:48	16	Die Sonne verdüstert sich allmählich (The Sun gradually darkens) –	0:56
6	Am Wasserfall (At the Waterfall) –	0:15	17	Elegie (Elegy) –	2:12
7	Erscheinung (Apparition) –	0:46	18	Stille vor der Sturme (Calm before the Storm) –	3:07
8	Auf blumigen Wiesen (On Flowering Meadows) –	0:56	19	Gewitter und Sturm, Abstieg (Thunder and Storm, Descent) –	3:54
9	Auf der Alm (On the Alpine Pasture) –	2:37	20	Sonnenuntergang (Sunset) –	2:15
10	Durch Dickicht und Gestrüpp auf Irrwegen (Straying through Thicket and Undergrowth) –	1:31	21	Ausklang (Final Sounds) –	6:35
11	Auf dem Gletscher (On the Glacier) –	1:04	22	Nacht (Night)	2:19

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