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Leonard Bernstein's legendary 1943 Carnegie Hall conducting débüt brought his name to national attention, and the event was followed a few months later by the triumphant reception of his *Symphony No. 1 'Jeremiah.'* This major symphonic statement explores a crisis in faith and employs Jewish liturgical sources, its final movement, *Lamentation*, being an anguished cry at the destruction of Jerusalem. Sharing the theme of loss of faith, *Symphony No. 2 'The Age of Anxiety'* takes W.H. Auden's poem of the same name and follows its four characters in their spiritual journey to hard-won triumph. Bernstein's *Symphony No. 3 'Kaddish'* can be heard on Naxos 8.559742.

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# Leonard BERNSTEIN

(1918-1990)

**1-3 Symphony No. 1  
'Jeremiah' (1942) 24:14**

**4-21 Symphony No. 2  
'The Age of Anxiety'  
(1949, rev. 1965) 35:18**

**Jennifer Johnson Cano,  
Mezzo-soprano 3**

**Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Piano 4-21**

**Baltimore Symphony  
Orchestra**

**Marin Alsop**



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