

# GREAT COMPOSERS IN WORDS AND MUSIC

## PYOTR IL'YICH TCHAIKOVSKY

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Is there any music more instantly recognisable and beautifully scored than Tchaikovsky's wildly popular ballet *Swan Lake*? These and other works have become enduring classics, yet they were not uncontroversial in Tchaikovsky's day, and there are those that still wonder if his style is fundamentally European or ardently Russian. Find out more about Tchaikovsky's childhood obsession with music, his turbulent relationships with friends and colleagues, and how he overcame the deepest of personal crises to transcend all with a creative ambition that has left us with some of the greatest music ever written. The narrative is illustrated with musical excerpts from *Piano Concerto No. 1*, *Symphonies Nos. 4 and 6*, the *1812 Overture*, *The Nutcracker*, *Swan Lake* and *The Sleeping Beauty*, among others.

A detailed track list can be found inside the booklet.

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