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## ROBERT SCHUMANN

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The unresolved and ambiguous details of Robert Schumann's psychological decline and death have tended to dominate his biography. Yet in his time Schumann was lauded as a protean Romantic literary genius whose writings, as a music critic, poet, novelist and dramatist, eclipsed his musical creativity. How did Schumann reconcile these elements? Does his music suggest he suffered from bipolar disorder? How did his pianist wife, Clara, influence his compositions? The narration is illustrated with some of Schumann's finest works including excerpts from the symphonies, his song cycle *Dichterliebe*, the piano works *Papillons* and *Carnaval*, and the *Piano Concerto*, among others.

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