

Tchaikovsky composed his *First Symphony* just after graduating from the St Petersburg Conservatory and he retained a special fondness for the work throughout his life. While the seeds of Tchaikovsky's talent as a descriptive composer can be found in these evocative 'Winter Daydreams', his *Second Symphony*, the 'Little Russian' looks more towards the nationalist aesthetic of 'The Mighty Five' in its genial use of folk melodies, resulting in a work whose infectious cheerfulness and imaginative skill in orchestration is unsurpassed throughout Tchaikovsky's *œuvre*. These classic Vox recordings by the Utah Symphony Orchestra were originally released in 1974, and remain much admired to this day for conductor Maurice Abravanel's fresh and direct interpretations.

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**Pyotr Il'yich
TCHAIKOVSKY**
(1840–1893)

Symphony No. 1 in G minor, Op. 13
'Winter Daydreams' (revised version, 1874)

1	I. Andante tranquillo	12:04
2	II. Adagio cantabile ma non tanto	10:26
3	III. Scherzo: Allegro scherzando giocoso	6:59
4	IV. Finale: Andante lugubre – Allegro maestoso	11:44

Symphony No. 2 in C minor, Op. 17
'Little Russian' (revised version, 1879–80)

5	I. Andante sostenuto – Allegro vivo	11:10
6	II. Andantino marziale, quasi moderato	6:39
7	III. Scherzo: Allegro molto vivace	5:23
8	IV. Finale: Moderato assai – Allegro vivo	9:42

Utah Symphony Orchestra
Maurice Abravanel

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