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Joseph Haydn lived during the period of the eighteenth century that saw the development of the classical sonata, with its tripartite first-movement form and complementary three or four movements, the basis over succeeding centuries of much instrumental composition. The three symphonies on this recording, which date from 1771-73, demonstrate Haydn's unerring ability to invest the form with extraordinary variety and vitality. The stately Symphony No. 50, with its use of trumpets and drums, is clearly designed for a festive occasion. The seldom-performed Symphony No. 51 is noteworthy for its fiendishly difficult solo French horn parts, while the dramatic minor-key Symphony No. 52 is characteristic of Haydn's Sturm und Drang (Storm and Stress) period.

Joseph HAYDN (1732-1809)

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9 Allegro assai con brio	6:13
10 Andante	9:16
11 Menuetto: Allegretto	3:22
12 Finale: Presto	5:27

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