

Waltz from the Ballet “Swan Lake,” Op. 20 (1877)
Peter Il’yich Tchaikovsky (1840 – 1893)

This famous waltz from “Swan Lake,” probably one of Tchaikovsky’s best-loved melodies, occurs in Act I and is connected to the birthday celebrations for Prince Siegfried and his need to choose a wife, although it means, he reflects wistfully, that he must then give up his carefree life (see above for “Swan Lake” story).

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