

101 Most Beautiful Songs For Horn

The horn, a magnificent brass instrument, has captivated audiences with its rich tone and soaring melodies for centuries. Its versatility allows it to grace both classical and contemporary musical landscapes. From the grand halls of concert venues to intimate jazz clubs, the horn's presence adds a touch of elegance and emotion.

This comprehensive guide presents 101 of the most exquisite songs written for the horn. Each entry features a captivating description, providing a glimpse into the beauty and artistry that these musical masterpieces embody.



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Classical Masterpieces

1. **Concerto No. 1 in E-flat major, K. 447** (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

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Allegro

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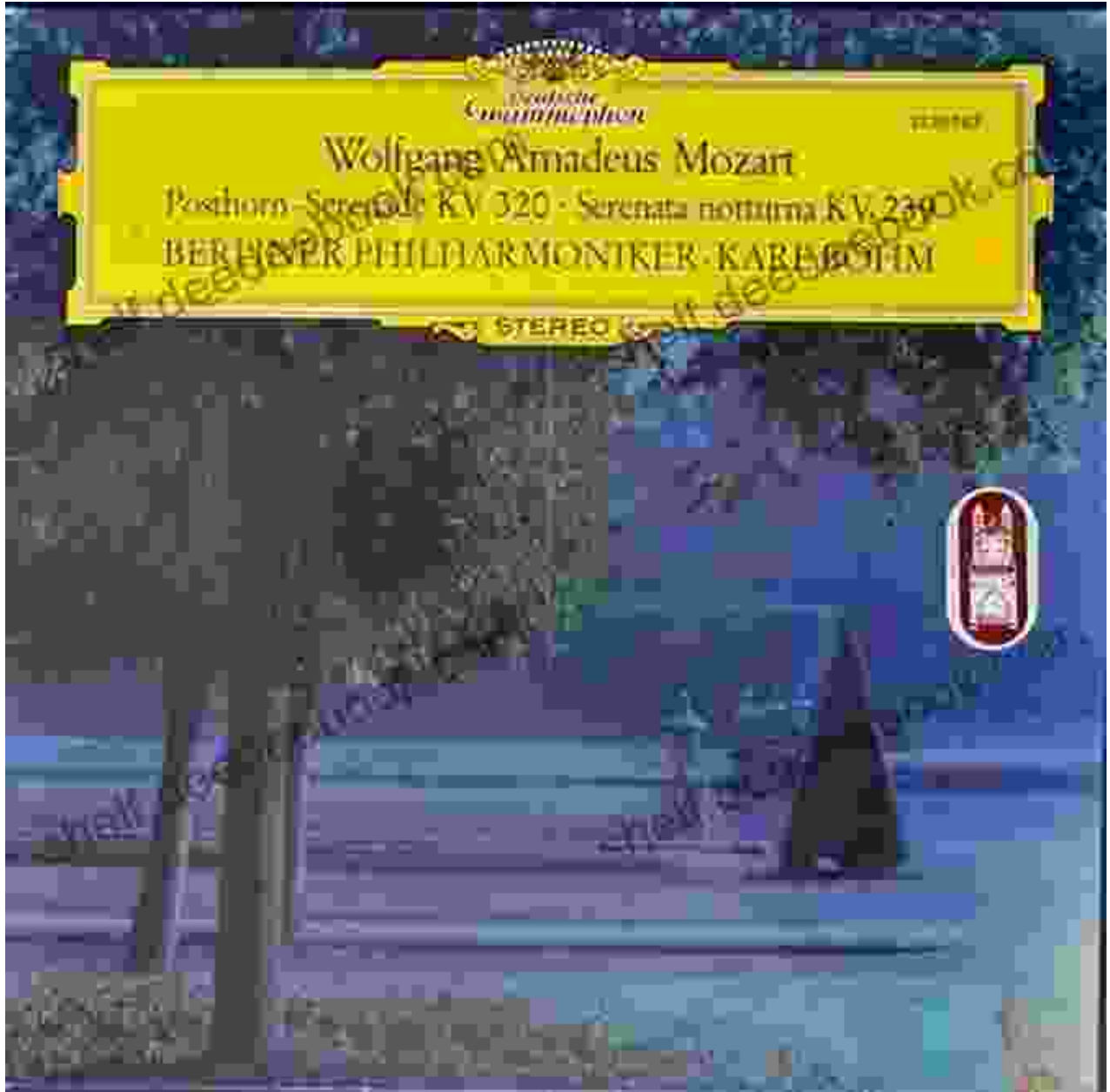
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A cornerstone of the horn repertoire, this concerto showcases Mozart's brilliance and the instrument's lyrical capabilities. Its haunting melodies and virtuosic passages have inspired generations of horn players.

2. **Serenade No. 9 in D major, K. 320** (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)



The fourth movement of this serenade includes a sublime horn solo that displays the instrument's expressive range. Mozart's delicate harmonies and graceful melodies create a serene and enchanting atmosphere.

3. **Concerto No. 4 for Horn in E-flat major, Op. 86** (Richard Strauss)

Konzert
 Oskar Frenke (revised)
 published 1984/1986

Horn in F
 Allegro 2-112

71. Alle Variationen (1) | Concerto aus der
 72. Alle Variationen (2) | Concerto aus der
 73. Tutti (1) | Concerto aus der

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Strauss's final concerto for the horn is a challenging but rewarding work. Its complex harmonies and virtuosic passages require exceptional technique and musicianship. The lyrical beauty of the second movement provides a poignant contrast to the technical demands of the first and third movements.

Romantic Melodies

4. **Horn Concerto No. 1 in E minor, Op. 11** (Carl Maria von Weber)



Weber's concerto is a Romantic masterpiece that pushed the boundaries of the horn's technical and expressive possibilities. Its sweeping melodies and dramatic contrasts create a powerful emotional impact.

5. **The Swan** (Camille Saint-Saëns)

Pupil of Tchaikovsky, cousin of Rachmaninov, Alexander Siloti was prominent among the "Silver Age" of Russian musicians at the turn of the last century, as a teacher, arranger and performer; he patronized Rachmaninov in the Second Piano Concerto on separate occasions at both venues and conducted his transcriptions of Bach and other composers as surprisingly delicate compared with his contemporaries and after his fastidious perfectionism, nothing is left to chance.

Playing tips: When one editor first heard a performance of this Siloti arrangement she was transfixed and immediately determined to include it within the Suite's version of *Pieces*. Here, as long as, it is, The melody should feel like it's falling by just as a swan would swim across a lake.

Final tip: See pedal markings on the score.

Read Lucy Polhan's step-by-step lesson on this piece on page 24.

Adagio ♩ = 72

pp

melodia sempre molto cantando ed espressivo

pp

cresc.

soprano

p

This enchanting solo piece depicts the graceful movement of a swan gliding through water. Saint-Saëns's delicate harmonies and fluid melodies evoke a sense of serenity and elegance.

6. Romance for Horn and Piano in F major, Op. 36 (Robert Schumann)

Romance

C. SAINT-SAËNS, Op. 29
Edited by J. G. W. G. W. G.

Moderato

Piano

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Schumann's romance is a lyrical and expressive work that explores the horn's melodic beauty. Its warm harmonies and flowing lines create a sense of longing and contemplation.

Modern Masterworks

7. Sonata for Horn and Piano (Paul Hindemith)

Sonata

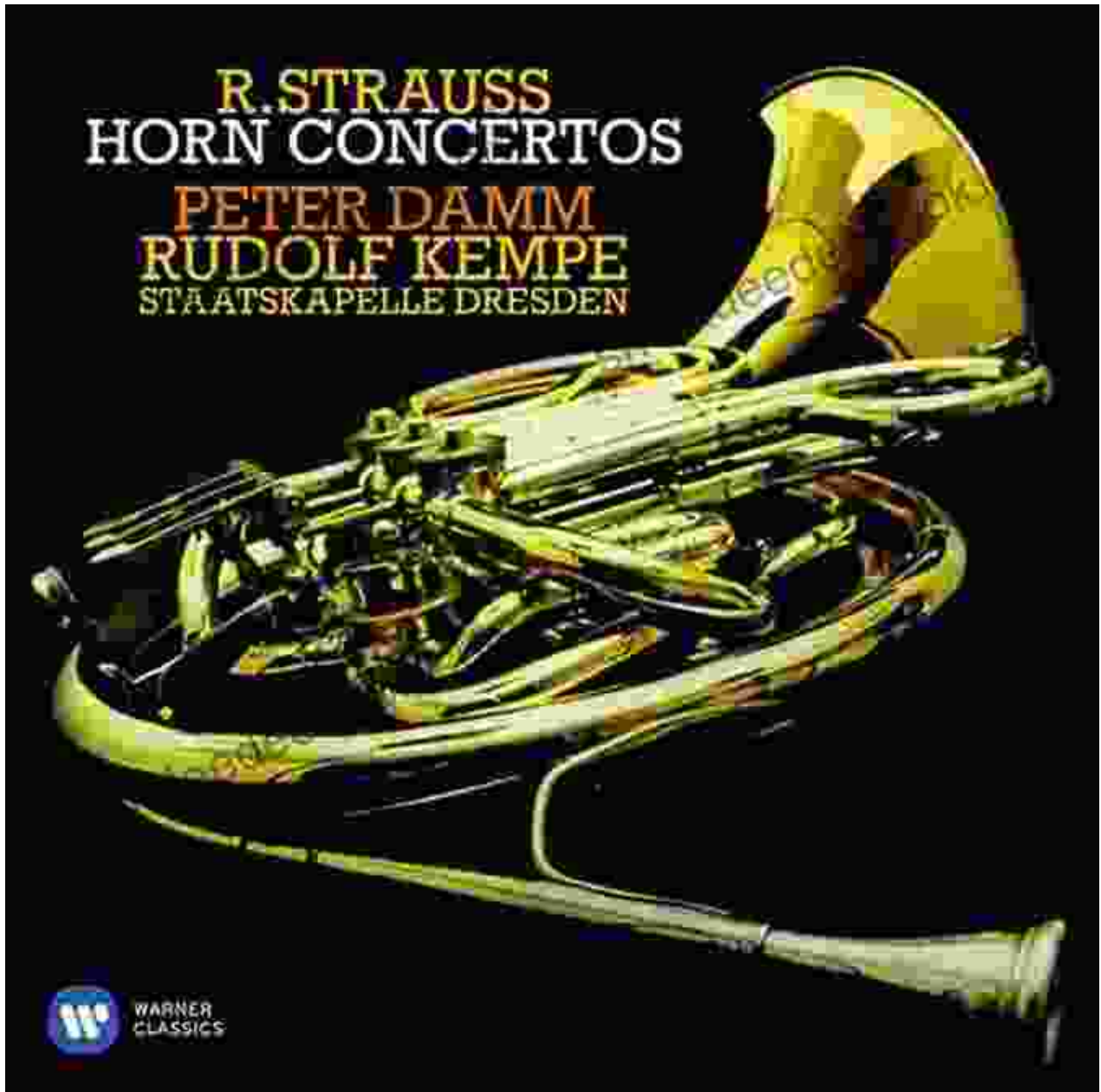
Paul Hindemith

Ruhig bewegt

The image displays a page of musical notation for Paul Hindemith's Sonata. It consists of four systems of music. The first system shows the beginning of the piece with the tempo marking 'Ruhig bewegt'. The notation includes a piano part (left hand) and a horn part (right hand). The piano part features complex chords and arpeggiated figures, while the horn part has a melodic line with various ornaments and dynamics. The second system includes a first ending bracket labeled '1'. The third system continues the melodic and harmonic development. The fourth system includes a second ending bracket labeled '2'. The score is annotated with numerous performance instructions such as 'p', 'mf', 'f', 'acc', 'rit', and 'trill'. A watermark 'shelf.deedeebook.com' is visible across the page.

Hindemith's sonata is a challenging and rewarding modern work that explores the horn's full range and capabilities. Its complex harmonies and rhythmic intricacies demand technical proficiency and musical sensitivity.

8. Horn Concerto (R. Strauss)



R. Strauss's horn concerto is a virtuosic and expressive work that showcases the horn player's abilities. Its lyrical melodies and dramatic passages require a combination of technical mastery and musical interpretation.

9. **Concerto for Horn and Orchestra** (Elliott Carter)

HORN CONCERTO

Oboe I Elliott Carter

Allegro (♩ = 120)

11-13

31

74

13

40-42 45-47

Molto mosso (♩ = 96)

Quietly (ritard tempo)

51

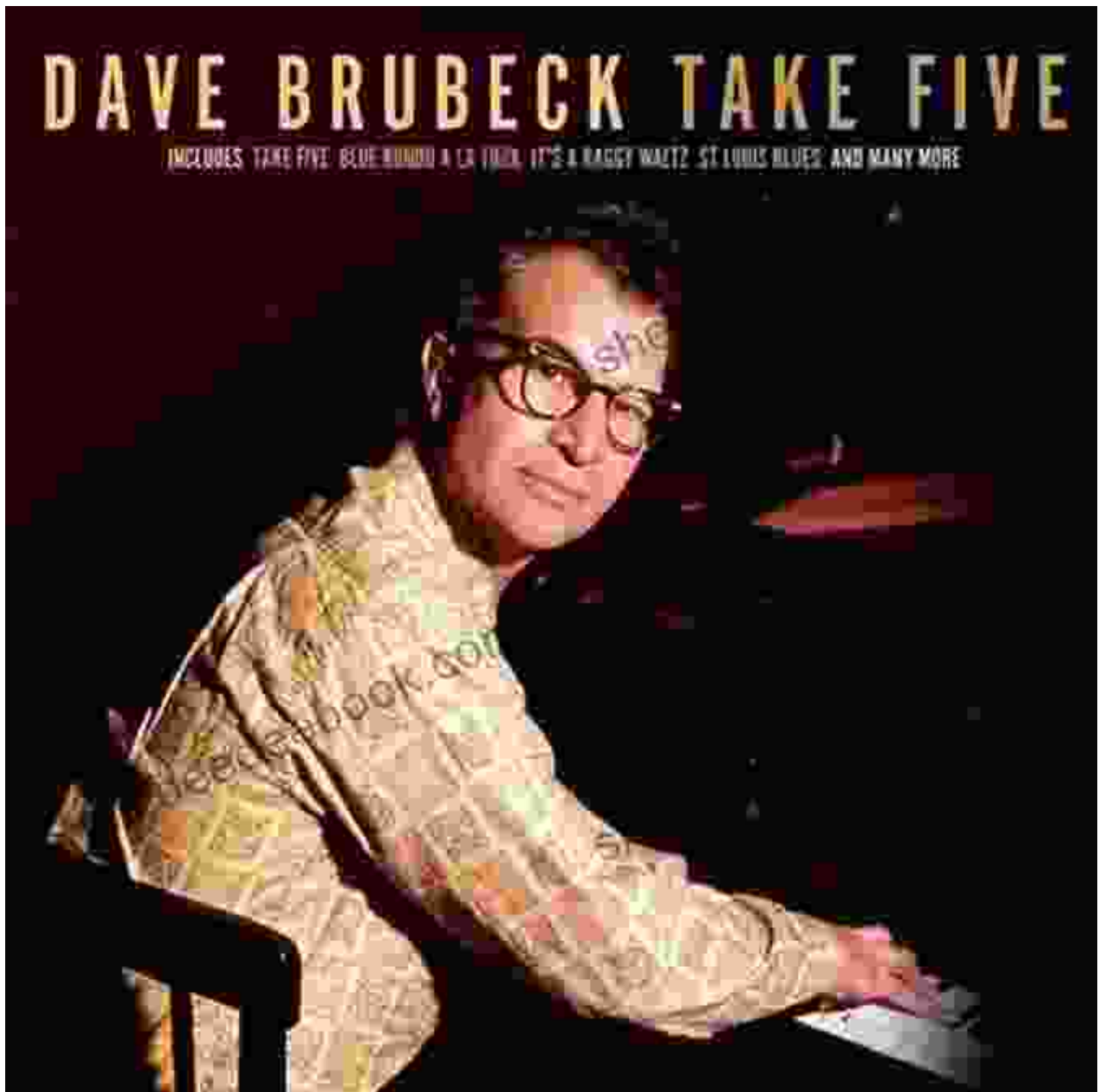
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Carter's concerto is a modernist masterpiece that pushes the boundaries of horn playing. Its rhythmic complexities and angular melodies demand a high level of musicianship and virtuosity.

Jazz and Popular Favourites

10. Take Five (Dave Brubeck)



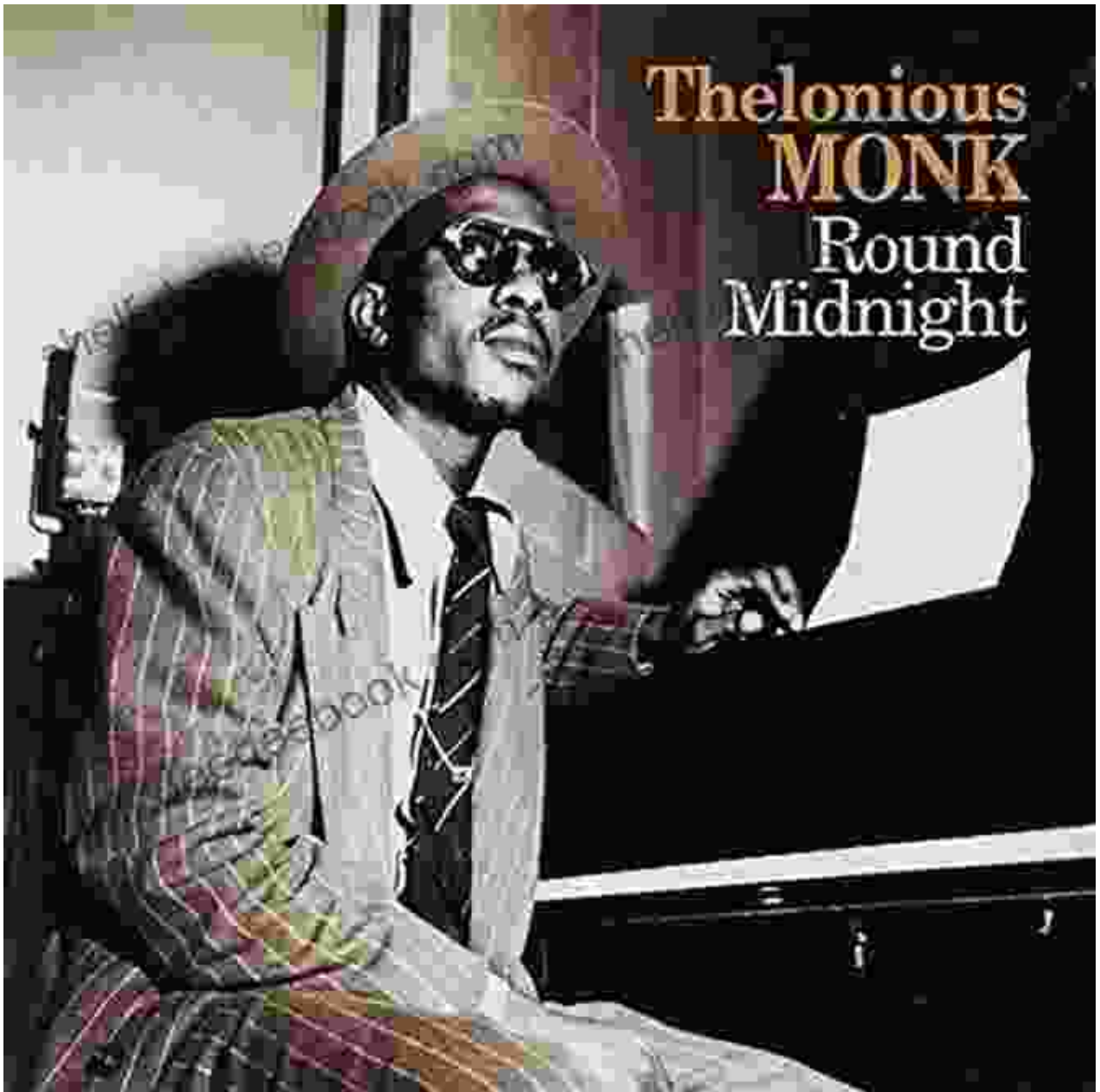
This iconic jazz standard features a memorable horn solo played by Paul Desmond. Its laid-back groove and catchy melodies have made it a beloved favourite among music lovers worldwide.

11. **The Girl from Ipanema** (Antônio Carlos Jobim)



A classic of bossa nova music, this song features a charming horn solo that evokes the warmth and allure of Rio de Janeiro.

12. **Round Midnight** (Thelonious Monk)



Monk's masterpiece is a haunting ballad that features a poignant horn solo played by Coleman Hawkins. Its melancholic melodies and introspective lyrics create a profound emotional impact.

And Many More...

This list presents merely a glimpse into the vast repertoire of exquisite songs written for the horn. From classical concertos to jazz standards, the

horn's beauty and versatility are evident in each of these musical gems. Whether you are a seasoned horn player or a music lover looking to deepen your appreciation, these songs will enchant and inspire you.

Explore, listen, and immerse yourself in the captivating world of the horn. Each song on this list is a testament to the artistry of composers and performers who have dedicated their



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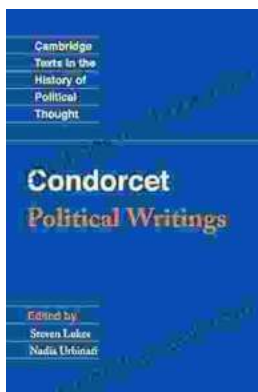
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