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### **National Songs**

### Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Arranged by Keith Kinder

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893) was one of the major composers of the late nineteenth century. His orchestral music and music for the stage (especially ballet) is among the most significant contributions to these genres and form an important part of the standard repertory.

The Album of the Young, Op. 39 for piano was composed in 1878 and consists of twenty-four short pieces intended for young performers. With the creation of this suite, Tchaikovsky joined a substantial list of major composers (including Schumann, Stravinsky, Prokofiev and Bartok) who have enriched the repertoire of developing pianists. The National Songs from the suite employ melodies, rhythms and harmonies associated with each of four countries or regions and were intended to introduce young performers to these distinctive styles. They display considerable variety of mood, from the rather sombre Russian Song to the lighthearted bravado of the Neapolitan Dance Song.

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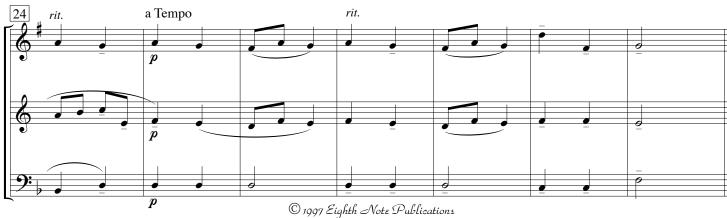
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