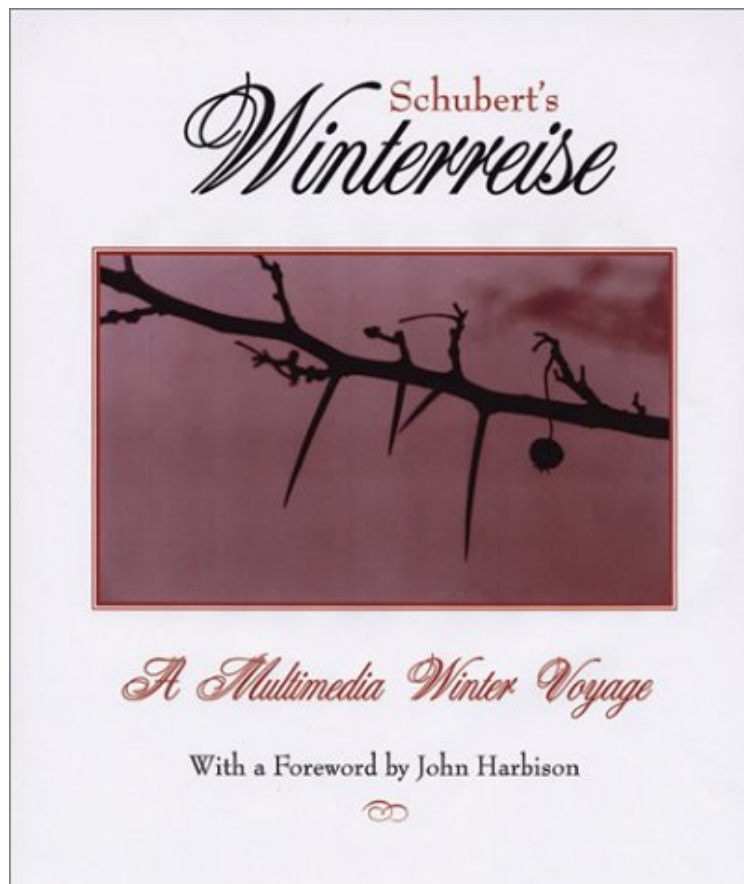


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"It took courage beyond reckoning for Schubert to set Wilhelm Müller's poetry to music, because he saw in it his own possible fate, one of unimaginable bleakness. A great work assumes even greater power when one realizes what it must have meant to its creator." About the Author John Harbison is Institute Professor of Music at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Katrin Talbot is an award-winning photographer and violist who lives in Madison, Wisconsin. Susan Youens is Professor of Musicology at the University of Notre Dame. Louise McClelland Urban is Professor Emerita of Voice at the University of Maryland, College Park. Paul Rowe, baritone, and Martha Fischer, pianist, are Professors of Music at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. "It took courage beyond reckoning for Schubert to set Wilhelm Müller's poetry to music, because he saw in it his own possible fate, one of unimaginable bleakness. A great work assumes even greater power when one realizes what it must have meant to its creator." -Susan Youens, from the introductory essay