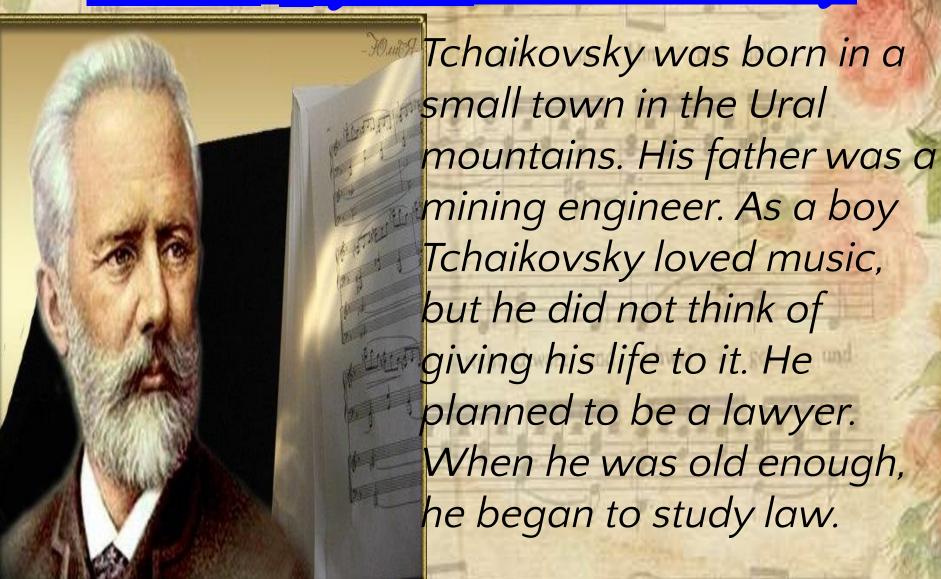


Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

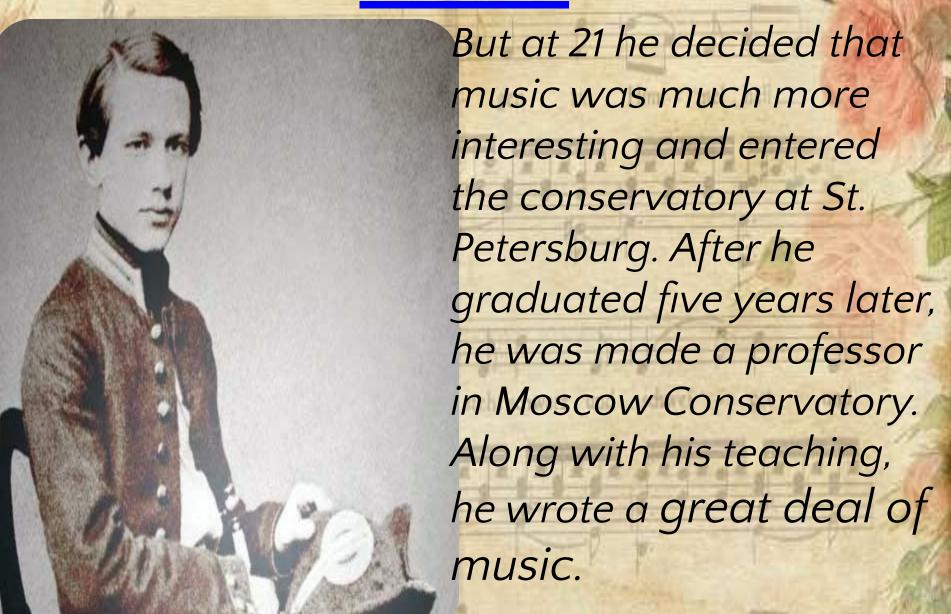


Peter's Parents loved music. His mother played piano and sang. When the family lived in Votkinsk, he often heard folk melodies in the evenings.

Many of Tchaikovsky's writings are very tuneful. Several popular songs have tunes borrowed from them.



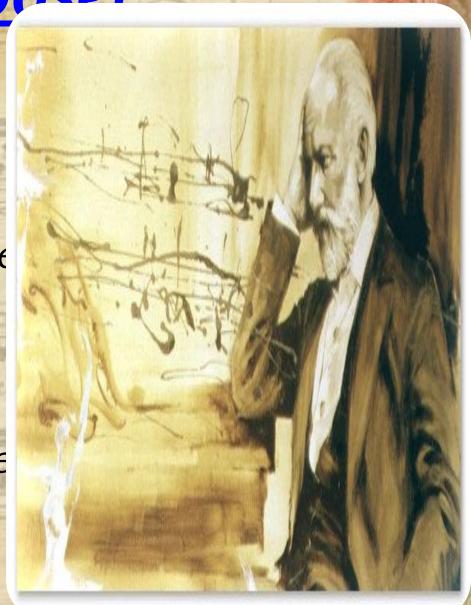
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The works of the great

composor

Almost everybody knows "The Nutcracker Suite" with its "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" and "Waltz of the Flowers" "The Nutcracker Suite" was written as a ballet, but many more people have heard the music than have seen the ballet.



Famous works



The Death

As a result of his unhappiness and lack of success, he became ill and had to give up his teaching. At last his music won the praise it deserved. Tchaikovsky was only 53 when he died, but he lived long enough to know that his music was being played far and wide over the world.

