A SONG CYCLE is a group of songs set to the poems of one poet. In most cases a song cycle is intended to be performed as a complete work. (Single songs from Schubert's cycles are often performed separately.) It is believed that the term song cycle first appeared in a work by Beethoven.

The following pieces are taken from "Die Schone Müllerin" (The Fair Maid of the Mill). The songs in this cycle are settings of twenty of the twenty-five poems entitled "Poems Found Among the Papers of a Wandering Horn-Player" by Wilhelm Müller. Schubert set these poems to music in 1823.

A ROAMING (Das Wandern)









