In 1848, when he was only 15, Johannes Brahms began his career as a concert pianist. When he wasn't performing, Brahms composed many works for chamber groups, piano and chorus. He was a very successful composer, and received many honorary degrees and other honors, including the title Commander of the Order of Leopold, an honor given to him by Franz Joseph, the emperor of Austria. Brahms completed this waltz, originally for four hands, in 1867 at the age of 34.





