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Beethoven – a brief profile

Beethoven was a prolific composer, composing nine symphonies, thirty-five piano sonatas and six piano concertos, amongst many other compositions. This output is even more awe inspiring when you consider that he was profoundly deaf when writing many of his pieces.

His music really speaks to every emotion. His sixth symphony starts relaxed, happy and enjoyable, whereas his infamous fifth symphony starts with a thunderbolt of anguish. The final movement of his ninth symphony contains the proud and joyful 'Ode to Joy'.

Beethoven's Influence – 3 chilli task

Beethoven paved the way for the Romantic period, expressing emotions and stories through music. He allowed composers to stretch tonality and move away from conservative harmony. Later composers felt the weight of his ghost on their shoulders as they tried to compose symphonies.

In conclusion, it can be seen that Beethoven was an exceptional composer, whose music speaks to all who listen.

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