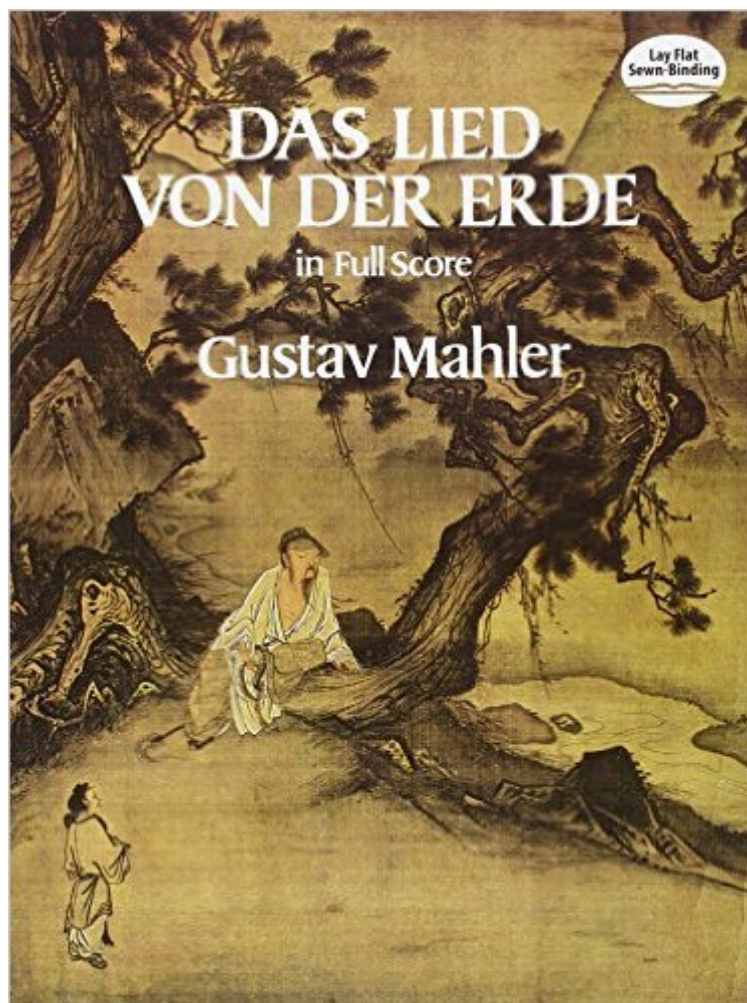


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Das Lied von der Erde typifies Mahler's genius; a genius for transposing the Wagnerian/Jungian

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The score is exactly what I knew it would be, a representation of the great work of Mahler. What I didn't know is that it would include the translation of the text used for the vocal part. Bravo Dover!

I only have a small amount of musical training, having played in my high school band, but that was enough to inspire me to be interested in music for the rest of my life. This is fun to have, even if you only have a small amount of education in music.

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