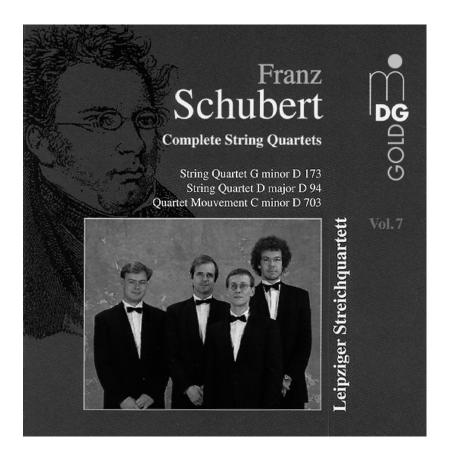
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Quartet Movement (+ Fragment)

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C minor D 703

Leipziger Streichquartett

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