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Critical Hearing

As enthusiastic as Haydn himself may have been, Vienna critics received Mozart's quartets with skepticism. Mozart's clear and deliberate departure from banal divertimento bowing-and-fingering meant for one critic that he "presuming too much," and another heard in the quartets "music for holding one's ears."

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