



Ludwig Van Beethoven

Composer of the Week

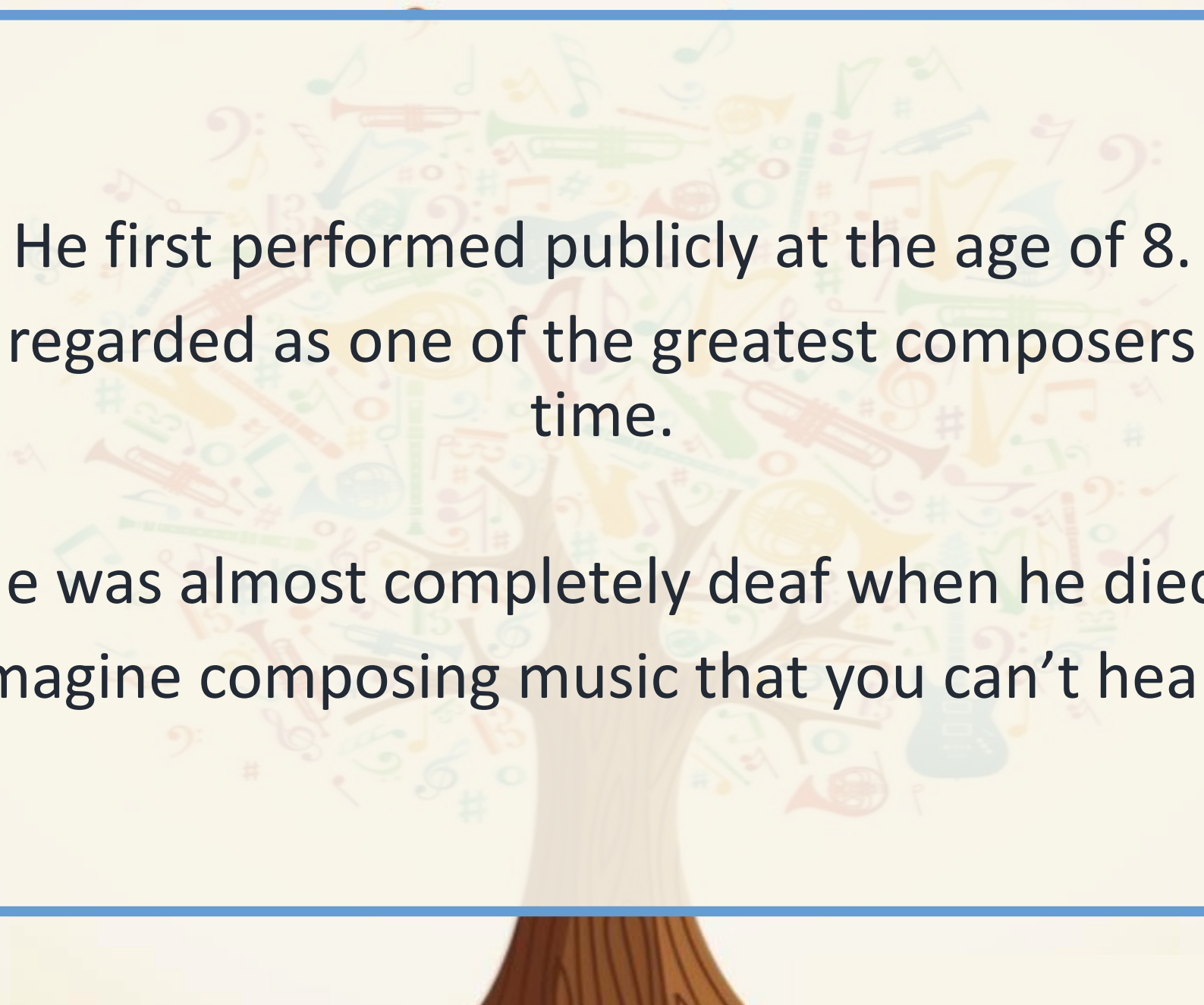




Born in Bonn, Germany, in
December 1770.

Died in Vienna, Austria, in March
1827.

He was 56 when he died.



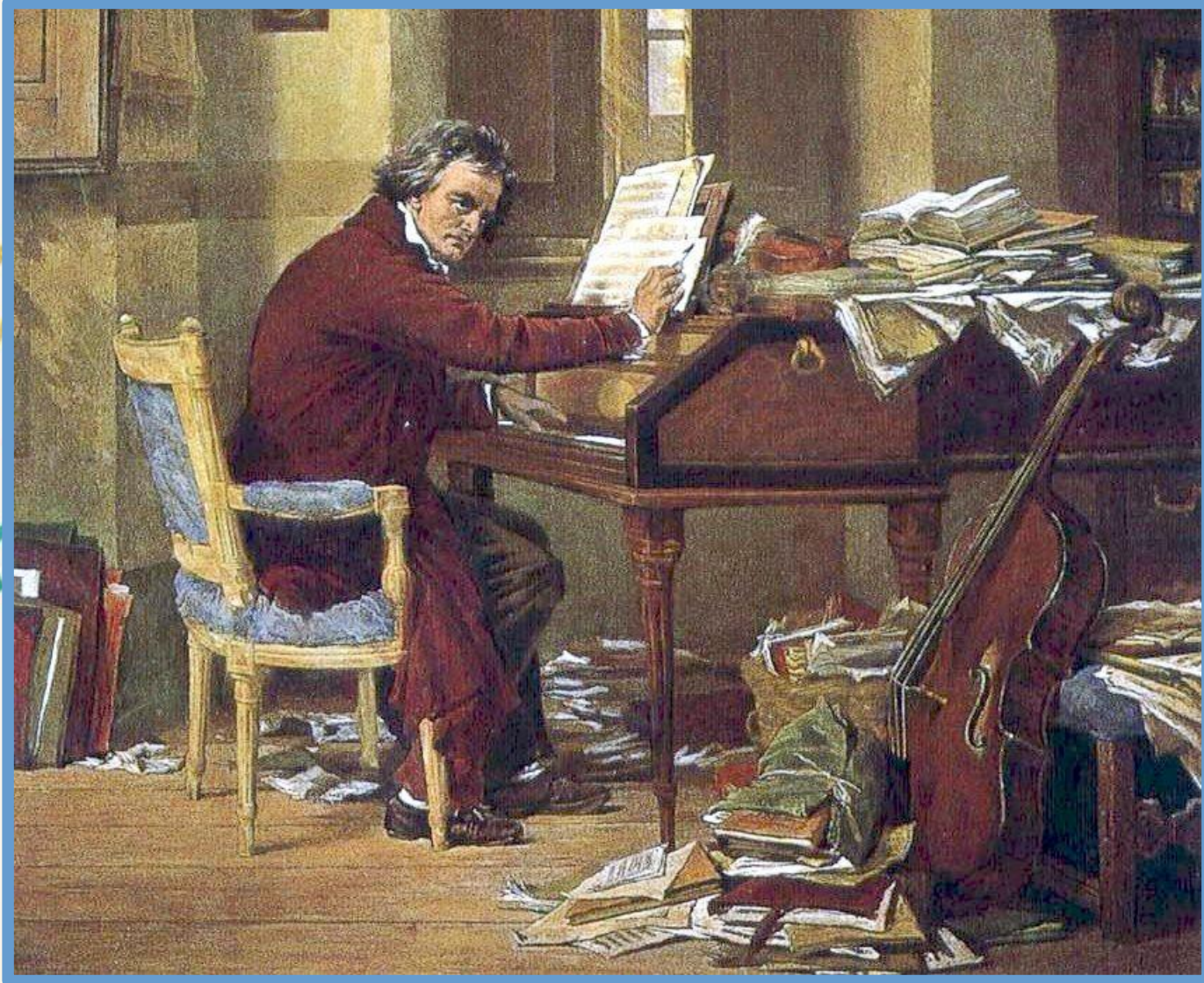
He first performed publicly at the age of 8.
He is regarded as one of the greatest composers of all time.

He was almost completely deaf when he died.
Imagine composing music that you can't hear!



He was one of the first composers to write music that did not rely on words – text.

He wrote some famous pieces of piano music.





The Beethoven Broadwood was manufactured in London in 1817 by John Broadwood and sent to Beethoven in Vienna. He wrote many of his later works on this instrument.

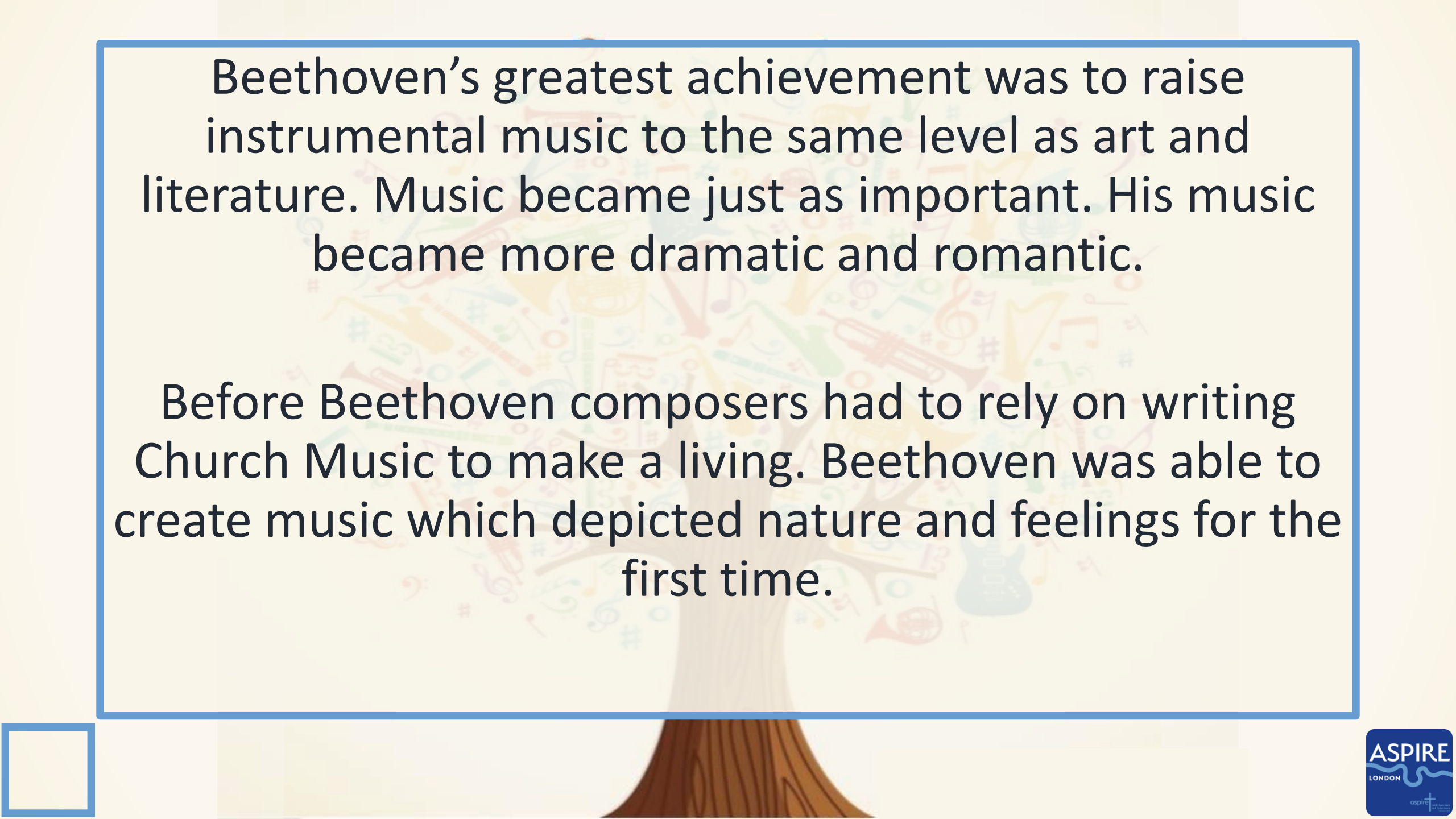
He wrote 9 **Symphonies**, which are long works of music created for an orchestra

Beethoven's orchestra



Today's orchestra



The background features a stylized tree with a brown trunk and a canopy of colorful musical notes and instruments. The notes are in various colors like blue, green, yellow, and red. Instruments like a trumpet, saxophone, and guitar are also visible. The entire scene is set against a light blue and white background.

Beethoven's greatest achievement was to raise instrumental music to the same level as art and literature. Music became just as important. His music became more dramatic and romantic.

Before Beethoven composers had to rely on writing Church Music to make a living. Beethoven was able to create music which depicted nature and feelings for the first time.

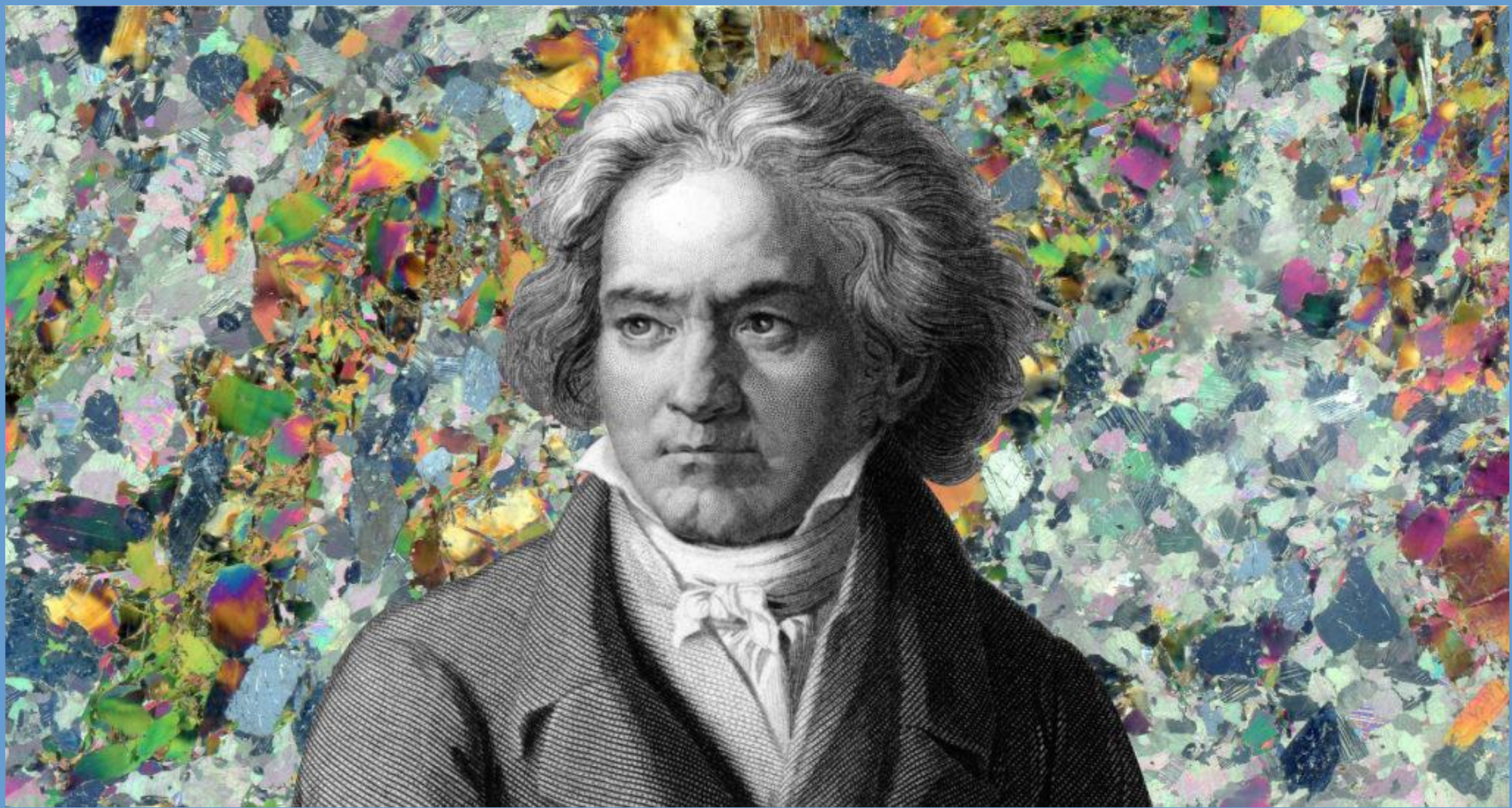
He was influenced by many of the great writers and philosophers of his time. Beethoven believed that all men were created equal and deserved to be treated with dignity.

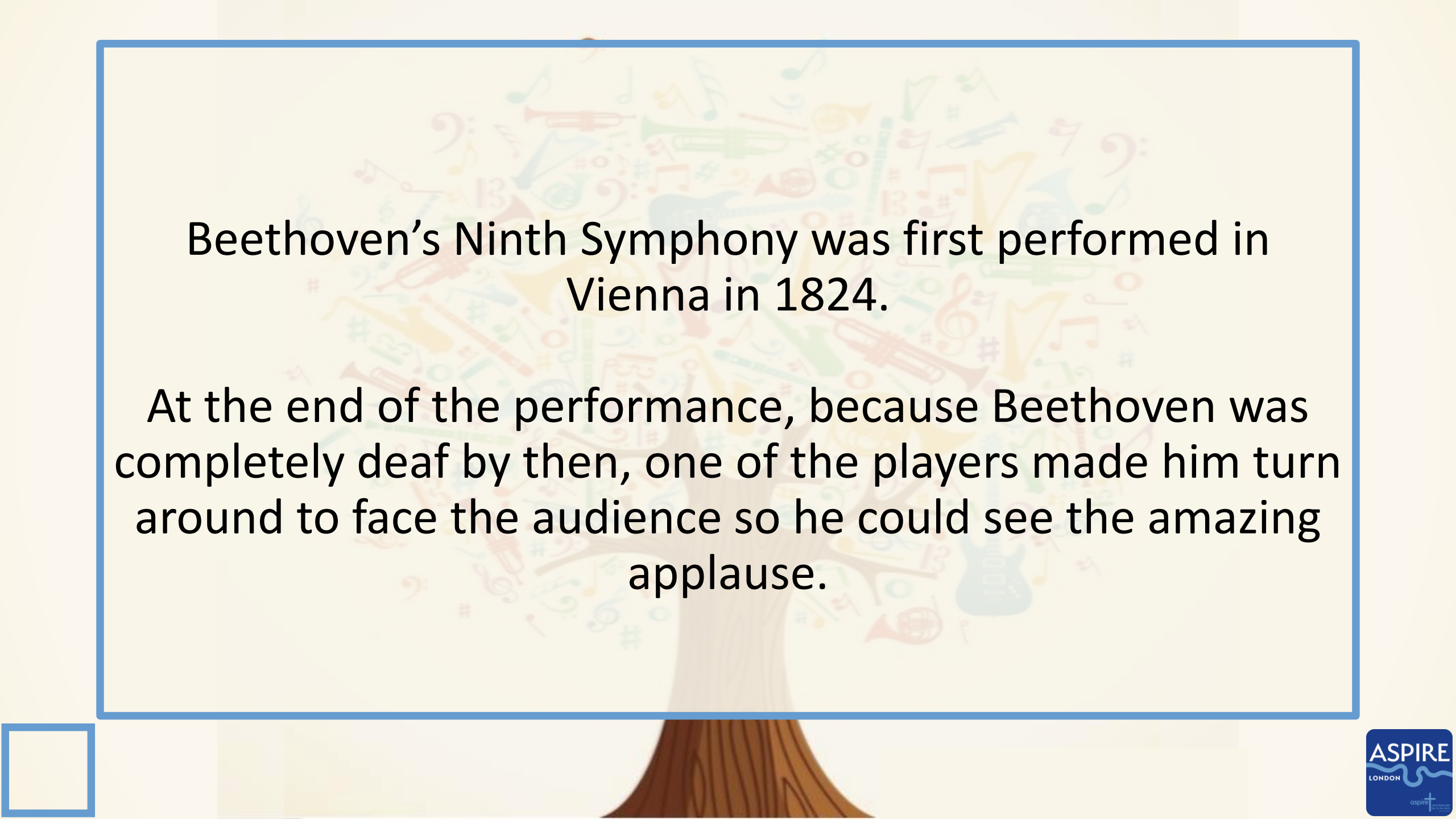
The last **movement** of his Ninth Symphony uses text by Schiller, a famous German poet – Ode to Joy.

It is a song we sing often at school.

Do you recognise it?

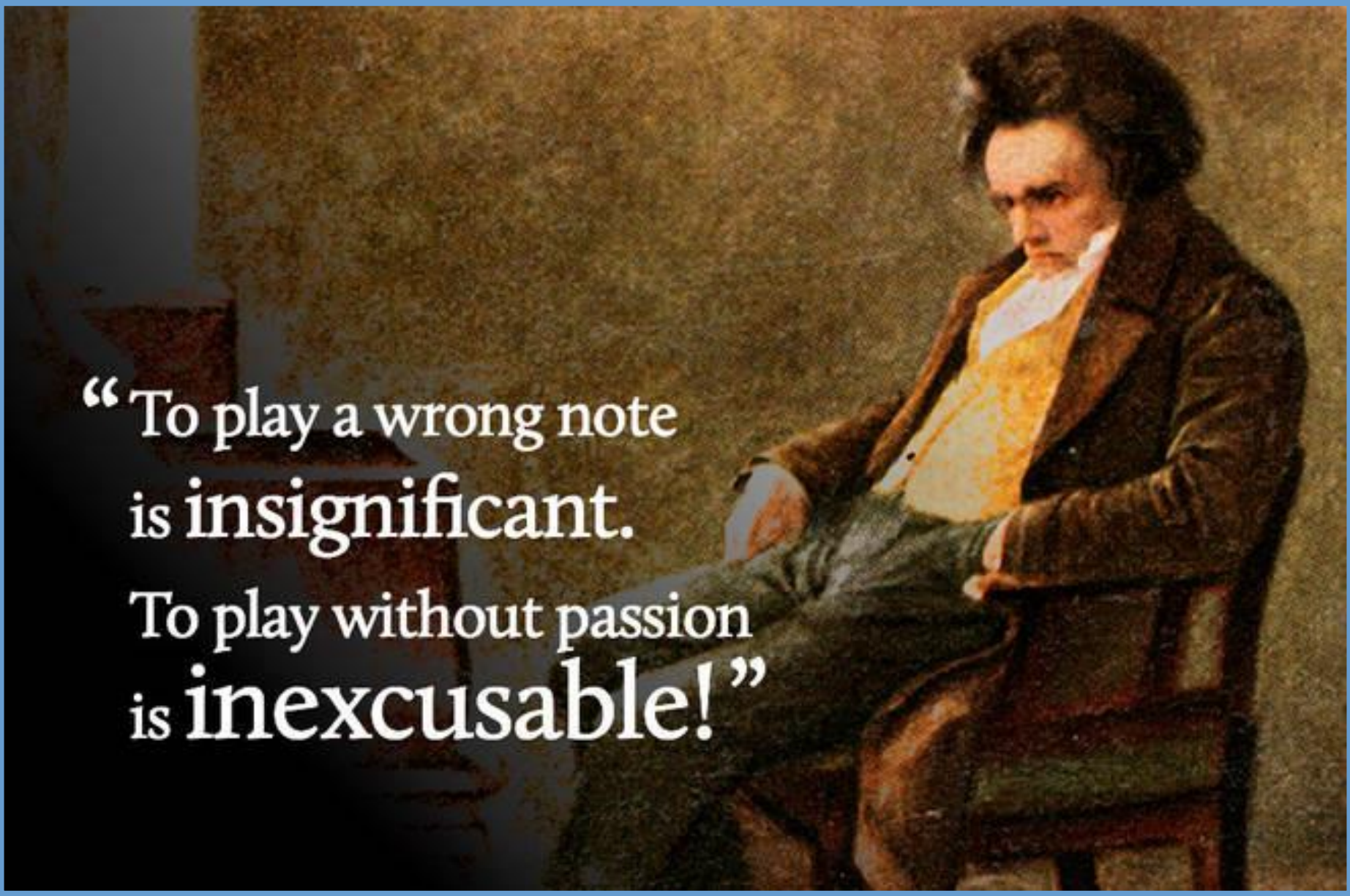




A large, stylized tree with a brown trunk and a canopy of colorful musical notes and instruments. The notes are in various colors like blue, green, yellow, and red. Instruments like trumpets, saxophones, and a guitar are also visible. The background is a light yellowish-beige color.

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony was first performed in Vienna in 1824.

At the end of the performance, because Beethoven was completely deaf by then, one of the players made him turn around to face the audience so he could see the amazing applause.



“To play a wrong note
is **insignificant**.
To play without passion
is **inexcusable!**”