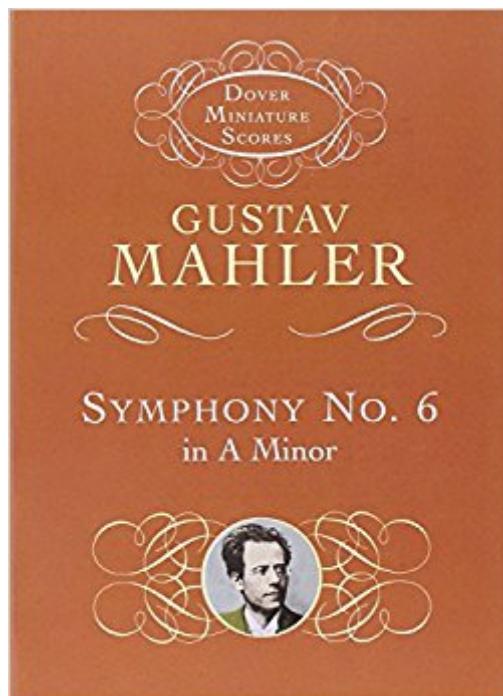


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This score is of the first edition published in 1906. After the premiere Mahler made significant alterations to the orchestration, and this score, obviously, doesn't incorporate them. No criticism

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This score is one of my favorite Mahler symphonies. Overall it is incredible to see his layering of orchestration. You will be amazed at how much underscoring there is that sometimes it's hard to notice. Dover's publication is extremely accurate for the most part. There are a few discrepancies between the score and most performances, but I feel that is probably because Mahler constantly revised the orchestration of his symphonies. Overall, highly recommended if you want to see the symphonic master at work at a very affordable price.

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