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> To say that Schubert's genius was essentially lyrical is not to belittle his achievement as an instrumental composer, but to define it.

> > - John Reed, The Schubert Song Companion

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 DTV Deutsch, Otto Erich, Franz Schubert: Thematisches Verzeichnis seiner Werke in chronologischer Folge. Neuausgabe in deutscher Sprache/bearbeitet und herausgegeben von der Editionsleitung der NSA, ed. Walther Dürr, Arnold Feil, Christa Landon et al.

- (Kassel: Bärenreiter Verlag, 1978). GdMf Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde.
- NSA Franz Schubert: Neue Ausgabe sämtlicher Werke, Herausgegeben von der Internationalen Schubert-Gesellschaft, ed. Walther Dürr, Arnold Feil, Christa Landon, et al. (Kassel: Bärenreiter Verlag, 1964–). Series 6: Chamber Music, Volumes 4–6: String Quartets I–III with forewords by Martin Chusid translated into German by Walther Dürr (vol. 3) and Werner Aderhold (vols. 4 and 5).
 NZFM Naug Zaitschrift für Musik, Leipzig: 1834
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Register

I use Helmholtz pitch notation to indicate register in the following manner: 3 octaves above $= c^4 - b^4$ 2 octaves above $= c^3 - b^3$ 1 octave above $= c^2 - b^2$ Middle $C = c^1 - b^1$ 1 octave below = c - b2 octaves below = C - B3 octaves below = CC - BB