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triangle between the reader, the music, and the poet. Woven almost

imperceptibly into these accounts of three composers and their respective fights against the decay of the body and the mind, lies the thread of the poet's own relationships and loss.