CHAPTER 1 THE FRAILTY OF YOUTH
    MOZART
    BELLINI
    BIZET Also Pergolesi
    Purcell

2 A TRIUMPHANT OLD AGE
    J. HAYDN
    SAINT-SAËNS
    ELGAR
    SIBELIUS, Also Monteverdi
    Verdi
    Johann Strauss II
    Janáček
    R Strauss
    Vaughan Williams

3 IATROGENIC AFFLICTIONS
    J. S. BACH
    HANDEL
    HOLST
    GERSHWIN
    RAVEL

4 SYPHILIS
    SCHUBERT
    SMETANA
    DELIUS
    WOLF, Also Donizetti
    Chabrier

5 ALCOHOLISM
    Arnold
    Lambert
    Field
    Satie
    MUSORGSKY
    GLAZUNOV

6 TROUBLED MINDS: MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUICIDE
    SCHUMANN
    BRUCKNER
    TCHAIKOVSKY Also Gesualdo
    J. Clarke
    Warlock (aka Heseltine)

7 NERVES BEYOND THE EDGE: OTHER AFFLICTIONS OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM
    SHOSTAKOVICH
    PROKOFIEV
    BERLIOZ Also Gluck
    Gounod
    MENDELSSOHN
    Copland

8 BROKEN HEARTS
    LISZT
    WAGNER
    DVORAK
    MAHLER
    NIELSEN
    BRITTEN Also Borodin
    Rimsky-Korsakov
    Poulenc

9 BREATHLESS: RESPIRATORY DISEASES
    WEBER
    CHOPIN
    GRIEG
    STRAVINSKY Also Vivaldi
    Schoenberg

10 CANCER
    ROSSINI
    DEBUSSY
    BRAHMS
    PUCCINI
    RACHMANINOV
    BARTOK
    FINZI Also Massenet

11 THE ULTIMATE BLOW: DEAFNESS
    BEETHOVEN
    FAURÉ

EPILOGUE AND CODA

APPENDIX: ACCIDENTAL AND/OR VIOLENT DEATHS
    Lully, Alkan, Franck, Chausson, Butterworth,
    Scriabin, Granados, Berg, Webern