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Familiar stories have been a favorite source of inspiration for composers, who use these ideas to create theatrical forms such as operas and ballets. In this concert, we will play several excerpts from *West Side Story*, an American musical theater transformation of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. This music was created to be performed by dancers and singers and to be listened to in the concert hall. Listen carefully as the scene is set and the story unfolds. Leonard Bernstein's score conveys images of the place, the feelings, and the dramatic action of the story.