Subject: Music Streaming
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Here's a link to sad news about the demise of the CD.
https://www.soundandvision.com/content/fall-grace-cds-relegated-bargain-bin

Like it or not, CD's and downloads are on the way out and streaming is on the way in. Check out the orange (CD's) versus the green (Streaming) in this chart. When most of us think of streaming we think of badly recorded pop music streamed from a low quality streaming service whose music is on MP3 files. Not something you want to hear on your high end system.

But this isn't the way it has to be. For $20/mo you can subscribe to Tidal's "Master" quality streaming service, where the lowest quality file available are CD quality. The streamed signal sounds about as good as a CD played through a good quality player, and there's another advantage I never thought about until I subscribed. With classical music especially, for any well-known composer you have the choice of several different recordings by different artists on different labels. For example, if there's a recording of the work you want to hear on the Dorian or Reference Recordings labels, it will almost always sound better than other versions.