

Violin I Variations on Happy Birthday to You

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This is a string quartet version of my orchestral variations on Mildred J Hill's *Happy Birthday to You*. This was written to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Open University with the string quartet version first performed at the OU's 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner at Gibson Hall in London on 15th May 2019.

As well as a quartet, this could be played as a string orchestra piece.

Theme (Mildred J Hill)

$\text{♩} = 100$

5

Variation 1: Waltz

10 $\text{♩} = 160$

17

24 pizz *mp*

32 arco *f*

40 *p* *mf* *f*

47

109

cresc *ff*

Variation 4: Quickstep

113 $\text{♩} = 110$ *Stile di Pitone*

f *mp* pizz arco

119

mf *f*

125

f

133

mf

141

mp

149

mf

155

f

161

f

4 Finale: Pavane

Violin I

165 $\text{♩} = 125$ **5**

176 *mp*

182 *mf*

188 *mf*

193

198 *f* *mf*

204 *mp* *f* *mf*

210 *f*

215 *tr*

222

229

235

237 *ff*