

# 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.

$\text{♩} = 100$  Theme (Mildred J Hill)

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Variation 1: Waltz

10  $\text{♩} = 160$

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## Variation 2: Rumba

52 ♩ = 110



57



63



68



72



## Variation 3: Tango

76 ♩ = 120



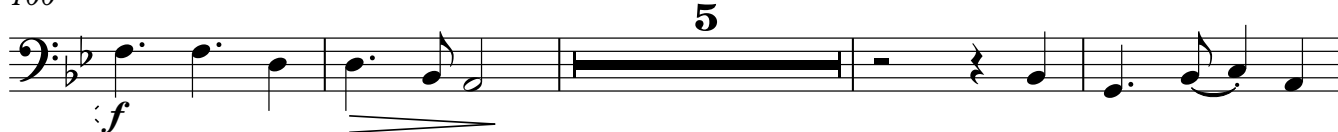
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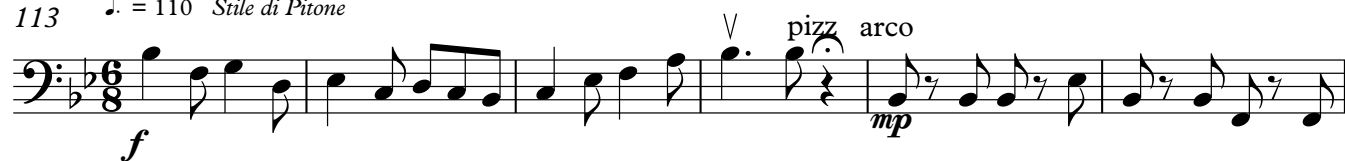
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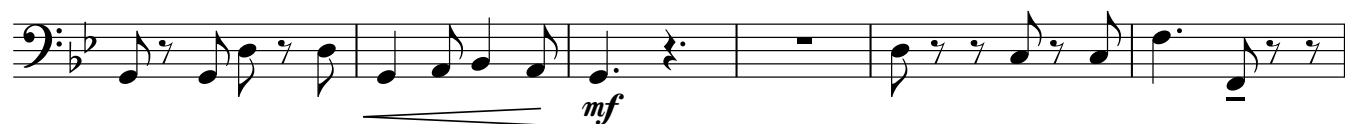
## Variation 4: Quickstep

## Violoncello

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113 ♩ = 110 *Stile di Pitone*

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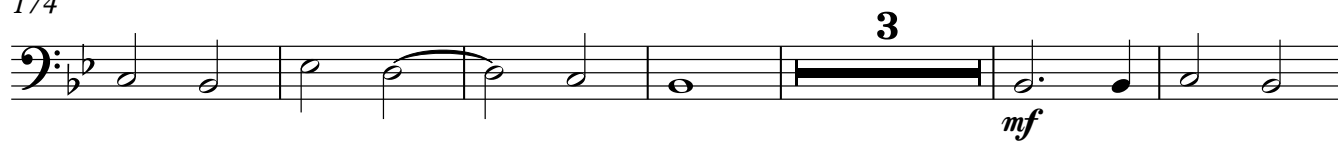


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♩ = 125



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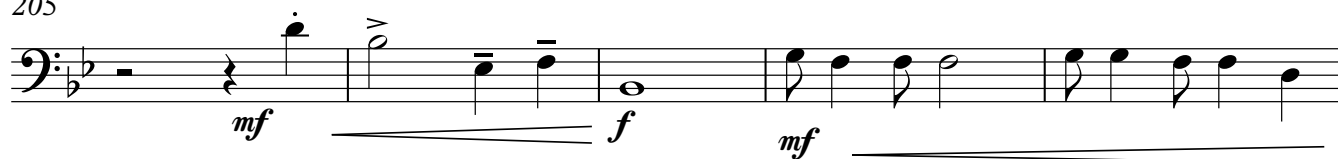
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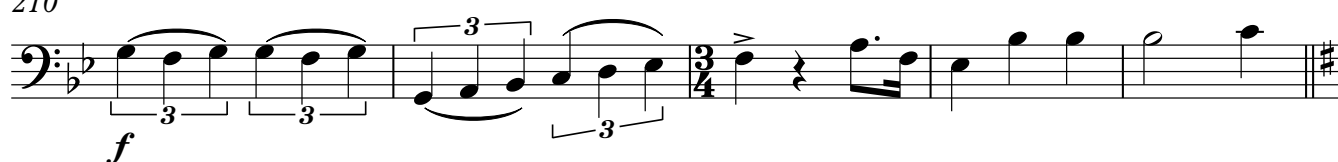
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