

Enigma Variation No. 9 Nimrod

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Enigma Variations is a set of variations on an original theme, about which Elgar said represented "the loneliness of the creative artist". Each variation has a title which contained initials or nicknames of his friends. The music was to describe "friends pictured within". The ninth variation, Nimrod, refers to A.J. Jaeger, a member of the staff at Novello Publishing Company who had several of Elgar's works published. This variation refers to a discussion the two friends had one summer evening concerning Beethoven's slow movements. Elgar makes no arguments about the opening of Nimrod alluding to the slow movement of the Pathetique Sonata.

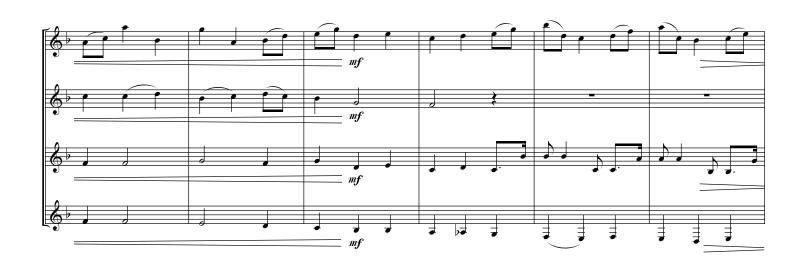
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