

Rhythms of Life

Theme & Variations

for Marimba solo with optional Strings & Percussion

for Bogdan Băcanu

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introduction (♩ = 44)
misterioso

musical score for the introduction, measures 1-2. The score is in G major (one sharp) and common time. It features a marimba part with a dynamic of *f* and a string/percussion part with a dynamic of *molto cresc.* The tempo is marked as *misterioso* with a quarter note equal to 44 beats per minute.

musical score for measures 3-5. The marimba part has a dynamic of *p*. The string/percussion part has a dynamic of *mp*. The tempo is *misterioso*.

musical score for measures 6-8. The marimba part has a dynamic of *mp*. The string/percussion part has a dynamic of *mp*. The tempo is *misterioso*.

1 Thema, con solennità (74)
"When Freedom Calls"
musical score for the first variation, measures 9-14. The tempo is *con solennità* with a quarter note equal to 74 beats per minute. The marimba part has a dynamic of *mf* and is marked *warmly*. The string/percussion part has a dynamic of *mf* and is marked *sim., espr.*

musical score for measures 15-21. The marimba part has a dynamic of *mf*. The string/percussion part has a dynamic of *mf*.

* The repetitions are only to fill out the sound of the theme and are to be played quasi echo.

poco meno (♩ = 66)

Variation 1 - "Innocence of a Child"

musical score for Variation 1, measures 22-27. The tempo is *poco meno* with a quarter note equal to 66 beats per minute. The marimba part has a dynamic of *mp*. The string/percussion part has a dynamic of *mp*.

26 *sim.*

30

3 Var. 2 - "Dreams of Youth"
33 *sim.*

36

39 *sub. p* *poco a poco cresc.* *un poco accel. (in 8)*

41 *sfz* *mf* *encore cresc.* TACET possible in Orchestra Version