

MY FRIENDS PICTURED WITHIN

The subjects of the Enigma Variations
as portrayed in contemporary
photographs and Elgar's
manuscript

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Dedicated to
my friends pictured within.

Variations

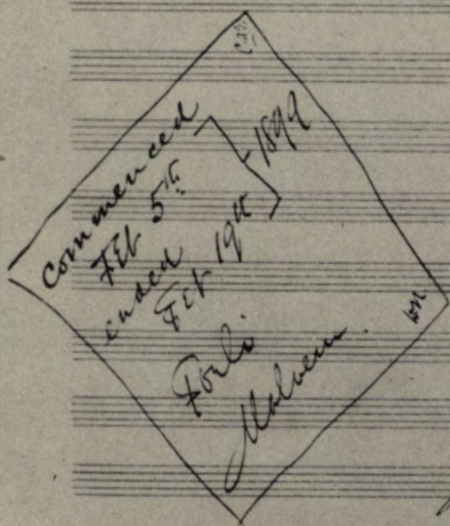
for orchestra

composed by

Edward Elgar

Op. 36

8/6/47 W. Heffer - /5/-



Hans Richter

and whose conducting the first
performance of this fine work took place
at St James's Hall, 19. June 1899. London.

Andante = 63. Enigma

I
 Flauti
 II (Piccolo)
 Oboi
 I. II
 Clarineti
 I. II
 Fagotti
 I. II
 Contrabasso
 I. II
 Corni I
 III. IV
 Trombe F.
 I. II. III
 I. II
 Tromboni
 III & Tubi
 Timpani
 Tamburo piccolo
 e Triangolo
 Gran Cassa
 e piatti

Organo
ad lib.
(tutti tutti)
finale

Organo für die Orgel
 Pag. 1. und eine Finales
 Andante. J=63
 legato e sostenuto
 molto espress.
 fine
 fine
 fine
 fine

Violini
 II
 Violen
 Celli
 e
 Bassi

I

C. A. E.

THERE is no break between the theme and this movement. The variation is really a prolongation of the theme with what I wished to be romantic and delicate additions; those who knew C.A.E. will understand this reference to one whose life was a romantic and delicate inspiration.

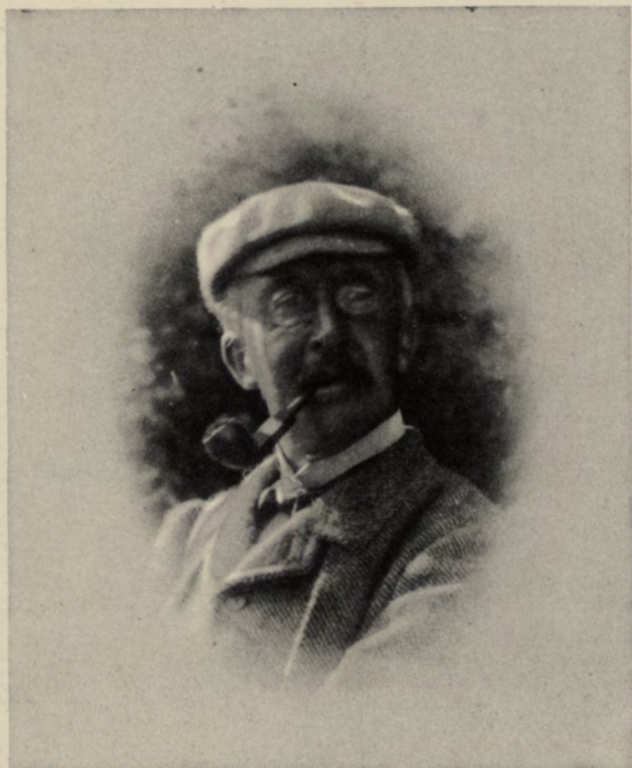


THE COMPOSER'S WIFE

II

H. D. S.-P.

HEW David Steuart-Powell was a well-known amateur pianist and a great player of chamber music. He was associated with B.G.N. (Cello) and the Composer (Violin) for many years in this playing. His characteristic diatonic run over the keys before beginning to play is here humorously travestied in the semiquaver passages; these should suggest a Toccata, but chromatic beyond H.D.S.-P.'s liking.



HEW DAVID STEUART-POWELL

var II (H. & S. p.)

Allegro $\text{♩} = 72$

Handwritten musical score for a symphony. The score is written on multiple staves, with instruments listed on the left and right sides. The tempo is marked "Allegro" with a metronome marking of 72. The score includes various musical notations, including notes, rests, and dynamic markings such as "pp", "ppp", "f", and "cresc". The score is divided into sections by large brackets and includes a section marked "Allegro" with a metronome marking of 72. The instruments listed include Flute (Fl.), Clarinet (Clar.), Bassoon (Fag.), Trumpet (Tromp.), Tuba (Tuba), Snare (Snr.), Cymbal (Cym.), Violin (Viol.), Viola (Vla.), Cello (Celle.), and Double Bass (Bass.). The score is written in a cursive, handwritten style.

III

R. B. T.

RICHARD Baxter Townshend, whose Tenderfoot books are now so well known and appreciated. The Variation has a reference to R.B.T.'s presentation of an old man in some amateur theatricals—the low voice flying off occasionally into 'soprano' timbre.

The oboe gives a somewhat pert version of the theme, and the growing grumpiness of the bassoons is important.



RICHARD BAXTER TOWNSHEND

III (R. B. T.)
Allegretto. $\text{♩} = 144$.

Fl. $\text{♩} = 144$

Ob. $\text{♩} = 144$

Clar. $\text{♩} = 144$

Fag. $\text{♩} = 144$

C. Fag. $\text{♩} = 144$

Corn. $\text{♩} = 144$

Tromb. $\text{♩} = 144$

Tuba. $\text{♩} = 144$

Tim. $\text{♩} = 144$

Tri. $\text{♩} = 144$

Violon. $\text{♩} = 144$

Viola $\text{♩} = 144$

Allegretto. $\text{♩} = 144$

Vio. $\text{♩} = 144$

Va. $\text{♩} = 144$

Celli $\text{♩} = 144$

Bassi $\text{♩} = 144$

IV

W. M. B.

A COUNTRY squire, gentleman and scholar. In the days of horses and carriages it was more difficult than in these days of petrol to arrange the carriages for the day to suit a large number of guests. This variation was written after the host had, with a slip of paper in his hand, *forcibly* read out the arrangements for the day and hurriedly left the music-room with an inadvertent bang of the door.

In bars 15-24 are some suggestions of the teasing attitude of the guests.



W. M. BAKER

IV. (W.M. 13.) Ver. IV

29

11 Allegro di molto. $\text{♩} = 72$

Fl.

Ob.

Clar.

Fag.

(Fag.)

Cor.

Tromb.

Tromboni

Tuba

Timp.

Tam. p. m.

G. & B.

Allegro di molto ($\text{♩} = 72$).

Vio.

Va.

Celli

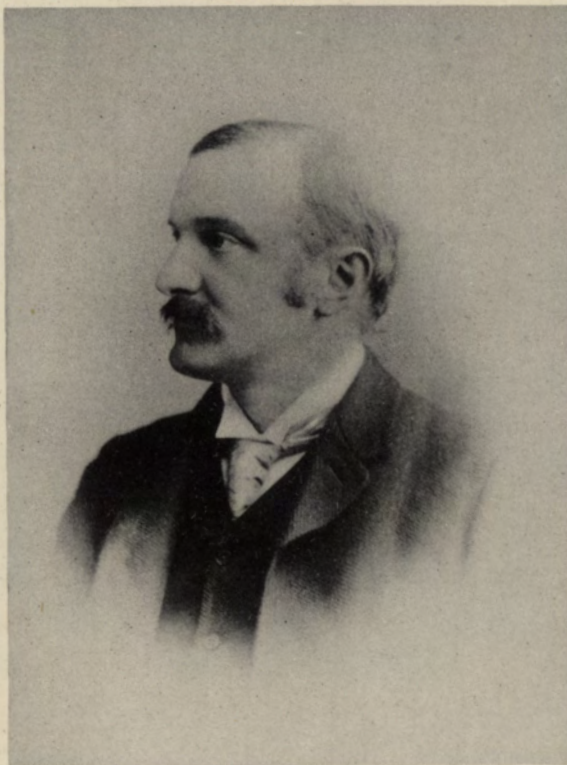
Bassi

V

R. P. A.

RICHARD P. Arnold, son of Matthew Arnold. A great lover of music which he played (on the pianoforte) in a self-taught manner, evading difficulties but suggesting in a mysterious way the real feeling. His serious conversation was continually broken up by whimsical and witty remarks.

The theme is given by the basses with solemnity and in the ensuing major portion there is much light-hearted badinage among the wind instruments.



RICHARD P. ARNOLD

V (K. P. a.)

hr T

35

Moderato. $\text{♩} = 63$

Fl. $\text{♩} = 63$

Ob. $\text{♩} = 63$

Clar. $\text{♩} = 63$

Tag. $\text{♩} = 63$

Cor. $\text{♩} = 63$

Fag. $\text{♩} = 63$

Tr. $\text{♩} = 63$

Viol. $\text{♩} = 63$

Viola $\text{♩} = 63$

Cello $\text{♩} = 63$

Bassi $\text{♩} = 63$

Moderato. ($\text{♩} = 63$)

Vio. $\text{♩} = 63$

La. $\text{♩} = 63$

Cello $\text{♩} = 63$

Bassi $\text{♩} = 63$

VI

YSOBEL

A MALVERN lady, an amateur viola player. It may be noticed that the opening bar, a phrase made use of throughout the variation, is an 'exercise' for crossing the strings—a difficulty for beginners; on this is built a pensive and, for a moment, romantic movement.



ISABEL FITTON

VI Ysobel.

12. VII.

Andantino ($\text{♩} = 48$)

H. *19* - - - - -

Fl. - - - - -

Clar. *19* - - - - -

Trg. - - - - -

Chg. - - - - -

Cv. - - - - -

Tronb. *19* - - - - -

Tronb. *19* - - - - -

Tuba - - - - -

Tim. - - - - -

Tam. B. *19* - - - - -

E. B. *19* - - - - -

Andantino $\text{♩} = 48$

Vi. *19* - - - - -

Vi. *19* - - - - -

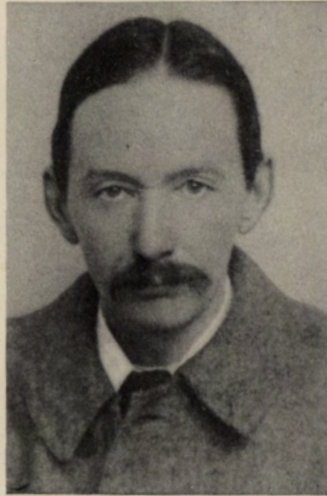
Cell. - - - - -

Bassi - - - - -

VII

TROYTE

A WELL-KNOWN architect in Malvern. The boisterous mood is mere banter. The uncouth rhythm of the drums and lower strings was really suggested by some maladroit essays to play the pianoforte; later the strong rhythm suggests the attempts of the instructor (E. E.) to make something like order out of chaos, and the final despairing "slam" records that the effort proved to be vain.



TROYTE GRIFFITH

VII (Troyte).

Var. VII

49

Presto. o = 76

Fl. *2 3*

Cl. *1*

Fag. *1*

B. Fag. *1*

Cor. *1*

Trum. *1*

Tuba *1*

Tim. *1*

Snare *1*

C. & B. *1*

Presto. o = 76

Vin. *2 3*

Va. *1*

Celli *1*

Bass *1*

VIII

W. N.

REALLY suggested by an eighteenth-century house. The gracious personalities of the ladies are sedately shown. W. N. was more connected with music than others of the family, and her initials head the movement; to justify this position a little suggestion of a characteristic laugh is given.



WINIFRED NORBURY

VIII. (M. 1.)

Var VIII

63

Allegretto. ♩ = 52

Fl. *30* *(Pia)*

Ob.

Clar. *30*

Fag.

C. Fag.

Cor.

Trum.

Trum.

Tuba

Tim.

Trum. pic.

G. Pic. Bata.

Allegretto. ♩ = 52

30

Vin.

Va.

Cell.

Bass.

IX

NIMROD

THE variations are not all "portraits"; some represent only a mood, while others recall an incident known only to two persons. Something ardent and mercurial, in addition to the slow movement (No. IX), would have been needful to portray the character and temperament of A. J. Jaeger (*Nimrod*).

The variation bearing this name is the record of a long summer evening talk, when my friend discoursed eloquently on the slow movements of Beethoven, and said that no one could approach Beethoven at his best in this field, a view with which I cordially concurred. It will be noticed that the opening bars are made to suggest the slow movement of the Eighth Sonata (*Pathétique*).

Jaeger was for years the dear friend, the valued adviser and the stern critic of many musicians besides the writer; his place has been occupied but never filled.*

*In part from notes written by Elgar for the programme of the Jaeger Memorial Concert, 24 January 1910.



A. J. JAEGER

IX. (Violoncello)

nr IX

41

Moderato (♩ = 66)

Fl. *Flute*

Cl. *Clarinet*

Ob. *Oboe*

Fag. *Bassoon*

Fag. *Bassoon*

Tr. *Trumpet*

Tr. *Trumpet*

Tr. *Trumpet*

Tr. *Trumpet*

Tr. *Trumpet*

Tr. *Trumpet*

Tr. *Trumpet*

Tr. *Trumpet*

Tr. *Trumpet*

Moderato (♩ = 66)

Viol. *Violin*

Viol. *Violin*

Viol. *Violin*

Viol. *Violin*

Viol. *Violin*

Viol. *Violin*

Viol. *Violin*

X

DORABELLA

INTERMEZZO. The pseudonym is adopted from Mozart's "Cosi fan tutti." The movement suggests a dance-like lightness.

The inner sustained phrases at first on the viola and later on the flute should be noted.



DORA PENNY

80 X. (Dorebella).

Allegretto. (♩ = 80).

Var X
Intermezzo

Handwritten musical score for a band, featuring staves for Flute (Fl.), Clarinet (Clar.), Saxophone (Sax.), Cor, Trombone (Tromb.), Trumpet (Tuba), Cello (Cello), and Bass (Bass). The score includes musical notation, clefs, and dynamic markings such as *pp* and *forte*.

38 Allegretto (♩ = 80) ^{2nd ho:}

Violini
Violoncelli
Bassi

Con sordini
sol. ppp
Con sordini

XI

G. R. S.

GEORGE Robertson Sinclair, Mus. D., late organist of Hereford Cathedral. The variation, however, has nothing to do with organs or cathedrals, or, except remotely, with G. R. S. The first few bars were suggested by his great bulldog Dan (a well-known character) falling down the steep bank into the river Wye (bar 1); his paddling up stream to find a landing place (bars 2 and 3); and his rejoicing bark on landing (2nd half of bar 5). G. R. S. said, "Set that to music." I did; here it is.



G. R. SINCLAIR

XI (G.R.S.)

Var XI

99

Fl. *Allegro di molto* $\text{♩} = 100$
piccolo

Ob.

Clar.

Fag.

(Fag.)

Cor.

Trampi. 47

S. Tromboni

Tuba

Tim. $\text{♩} = 100$

Tam. p. m.

Org. P. m. 47

Allegro di molto $\text{♩} = 100$

Vis.

Vn.

Celli.

Bassi.

XII

B. G. N.

BASIL G. Nevinson, an amateur cello player of distinction and the associate with H. D. S.-P. and the writer (violin) in performances of many trios—a serious and devoted friend. The variation is a tribute to a very dear friend whose scientific and artistic attainments, and the whole-hearted way they were put at the disposal of his friends, particularly endeared him to the writer.



BASIL G. NEVINSON

Andante (♩ = 58)

Fl. *2* (Pia.)

Ob.

Clar.

Fag.

C. Fag.

Cor

Tromb. *52*

Tromboni

E. Tuba

Tim.

Tam-pi-cani

P. F. & Piccolo *52*

Andante (♩ = 58)

a tempo

Vio.

Va. *div. pp*

Celli. *div. pp*

Bassi. *div. pp*

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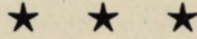
a tempo

Tutti

leggermente

div.

XIII



THE asterisks take the place of the name of a lady who was, at the time of the composition, on a sea voyage. The drums suggest the distant throb of the engines of a liner, over which the clarinet quotes a phrase from Mendelssohn's "Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage."



LADY MARY LYGON

116 XIII (***)

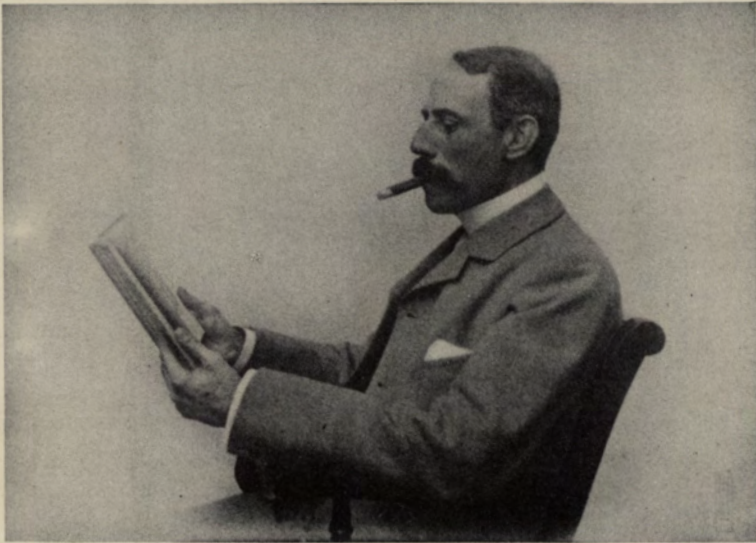
Var XIII
Romanza.Fl. *Moderato* (♩ = 76)
55Hr. *Moderato*Clar. *Moderato*Fag. *Moderato*C. fag. *Moderato*Cor. *Moderato*Trombi. *Moderato*Tromboni. *Moderato*Tuba *Moderato*Euph. *Moderato*Tutti. *Moderato*C. f. & B. *Moderato**Moderato* (♩ = 76)Vi. *Moderato*Va. *Moderato*Celli. *Moderato*Bassi. *Moderato*

XIV

E. D. U.

FINALE: bold and vigorous in general style. Written at a time when friends were dubious and generally discouraging as to the composer's musical future, this variation is merely to show what E.D.U. (a paraphrase of a fond name) intended to do. References made to Var. I (C.A.E.) and to Var. IX (Nimrod), two great influences on the life and art of the composer, are entirely fitting to the intention of the piece.

The whole of the work is summed up in the triumphant, broad presentation of the theme in the major.



THE COMPOSER

XIV (Finale).

XIV
(F.D.C.)
Finale.

127

Fl. E.D.C. Allegro $\text{d} = 84$

Ob. E.D.C.

Clar. E.D.C.

Fag. E.D.C.

Hr. E.D.C.

Cor. E.D.C.

Tr. E.D.C.

Tr. E.D.C.

Tr. E.D.C.

Tr. E.D.C.

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Tr. E.D.C.

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Tr. E.D.C.

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Tr. E.D.C.

Tr. E.D.C.

ELGAR'S BIRTHPLACE

At Broadheath near Worcester, from a photograph by Vivian of Hereford of a crayon drawing made in 1856 by an artist named Buckler. The cottage, where many objects of interest are on view, may be visited at any time.

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