

Theme and Variations

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Duration: 9 minutes

string quartet

Theme and Variations is a set of variations on a theme first presented in the viola. The theme is increasingly obscured as the piece continues, while simultaneously the music increases in overall clarity. Several variations are based on particular composers or styles. Some are lively and even playful, while others are somber, lyrical, or expressive.

Theme and Variations was premiered in Turner Recital Hall in Nashville, TN on November 6, 2014.