

Happy Birthday Variation

Short sketch by D. Padgett
Strings Attached Music

Exercise in harmonising a simple tune
Allegretto ♩ → 100

The image shows a musical score for an exercise in harmonising a simple tune. The score is written in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody and the first six chords: A, D, E7, D, E7, and A. The second staff contains the remaining six chords: C#m, F#m7, F#m7, C#m7, Bm7, C#m, F#m, E7, and A. The melody is a simple, rhythmic tune that repeats every two measures. The chords are placed above the melody, and the bass line is indicated by a single note on the bottom line of the staff.

A D E7 D E7 A

5 C#m F#m7 F#m7 C#m7 Bm7 C#m F#m E7 A

Try improvising around these chords:
Try arpeggios, Chord substitutions, other inversions
or a change of key.
Have fun!