

Simple Gifts Variations

for Saxophone Quintet

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Broadly ($\text{♩} = 80$)

The musical score consists of five staves, each representing a different saxophone part: Soprano Saxophone, Alto Saxophone 1, Alto Saxophone 2, Tenor Saxophone, and Baritone Saxophone. The key signature is two sharps, and the time signature is common time (indicated by a '2'). The first variation begins with a rhythmic pattern of eighth-note pairs followed by quarter notes. The Alto Saxophone 1 part features grace notes and slurs. The Tenor and Baritone parts also have grace notes. The dynamics are marked with 'mp' (mezzo-forte) and 'f' (fortissimo). The Tenor and Baritone parts end with grace notes and slurs.

The second variation is presented in two systems. System 1 shows the beginning of the variation with the Alto Saxophones playing eighth-note pairs and quarter notes. The dynamics include 'p' (pianissimo), 'mf' (mezzo-forte), 'p' (pianissimo), and 'pp' (pianississimo). System 2 continues the variation, showing the Alto Saxophones playing eighth-note pairs and quarter notes, with dynamics 'p', 'mf', 'p', and 'pp'. The Tenor and Baritone parts are also present in the background.

3

pp mp p
f mp
pp f
mf pp f
pp f mp p
= pp f mp < f

4 5

pp mp f
pp f
mf p
mf pp f
pp f mp
= pp f mp

6 Quick and light ($\text{♩} = 110$)
poco rit.

f
mp sweetly
p
mf p
mp
p
f p

7

8

9

10 rit.

11 Sonorous (♩ = 64)

12 poco rit.