A Variation on America the Beautiful

American Tocatta

Composer: Avner Dorman
Year: 2020
Duration: 2 min 22 s
Orchestration: Piano
Publisher: G Schirmer Inc
Commission: Commissioned by and dedicated to Min Kwon

Program Note

This piece, a single variation on the theme of “America the Beautiful,” is virtuosic and perhaps even over-the-top in its energy and scale. Had I written an entire set of variations on this classic tune, each could reflect a certain aspect of American society -- its difficult history, its unmatched innovation, its constant, buzzing work ethic. I envision this short variation as the closer -- the final outpouring of technique and flourish that remind me of the extravagance, vivacity, and the sheer power of will that characterize America.

Avner Dorman
G Schirmer Inc
Accessed on September 16, 2026