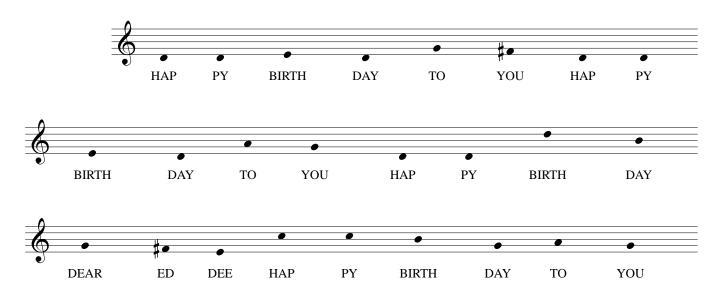
# A Happy Birthday Event for Ed

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## **Instructions to Organizer:**

Make at least 20 copies of the notated "Happy Birthday", and cut the individual note/syllables into pieces. Put them in a baggie. Then run the short BASIC program printed below, and distribute the resulting sheets to the guests, along with a set of the instructions below.

#### **Instructions to Guests:**

#### A Happy Birthday Event for Ed, April 19, 1986

#### • Premises and Materials:

- 1. There are 50 years to Ed, which is just right.
- 2. There are 25 syllables in "Happy Birthday", which is convenient.
- 3. There should be 200 to 500 years to Ed.
- 4. There are 200 beats in this piece.
- 5. There are 20 packets of 25 syllables.
- 6. There is a computer printout of 25 sets of beats.

### • Instructions:

- 1. Mix up the baggie of syllables.
- 2. Match the mixed-up baggie pieces to the computer printout.
- 3. Everybody sing together.

#### **BASIC** program to generate number sheets:

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1    INPUT Z : LPRINT"RANDOM GROUP NUMBER"Z : LPRINT" " : LPRINT" "
10    X = 200 : FOR I = 1 TO 24 : A = RND(14) : X = X-A : LPRINTA" ";
55    U = U+1 : IF U = 7 THEN LPRINT" " : U = 0
57    FOR Q = 1 TO 10 : LPRINT" " : NEXT : IF X < 0 THEN STOP
65    NEXT : LPRINT X : RUN</pre>
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