A Happy Birthday Event for Ed

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DEAR ED DEE HAP PY BIRTH DAY TO YOU

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:

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• 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
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