

Torpedoed Birthday

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The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, featuring a complex time signature of 3/4, 2/4, 3/4, 2/4. The first staff has a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The second staff has a bass line with notes G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, E3, D3. The third staff has a bass line with notes G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, E3, D3. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: C, D, C, D, C in the first staff; G, C, G, C, D in the second staff; Am, G, D, Am, G, D, G in the third staff.

A Zwiefacher, a dance which alternates waltz (3/4 time) steps and pivot steps.
Written for Bill's father for his 90th birthday celebration.
He told us of how he was torpedoed when he was 19 and rescued from the life raft when he was 20.
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