

John Oliver

June's Shortwave Birthday Gift

for

2 or more melody instruments and accordion

Program Note

Written for June Goldsmith as a surprise birthday gift on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of her chamber music series Music in the Morning. This work takes the notes and phrasing of the famous Happy Birthday tune (written by New Yorker Mildred J. Hill) and completely rearranges them to create a hocketing between the pianos that gets closer and closer to the tune we all know until audience bursts forth in song at the end. Please insert the name of your guest of honour in place of "Music in the Morning" and enjoy!