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Dog Breath Variations

Frank Zappa

Scored for 3 mandolins, guitar



This arrangement is an amalgam of the two different versions of *Dog Breath* presented on Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention LP, *Uncle Meat*, from 1968. It opens with a take on the vocal number, *Dog Breath in the Year of the Plague* ("Primer mi carucha, Chevy '39, going to El Monte Legion Stadium..."). It then segues into the lyrical *Dog Breath Variations*, which eventually descends into atonal Zappa craziness far beyond my powers of transcription. I offer a slender approximation, but give a listen to the original, which achieves some measure of transcendent loveliness. This piece has numerous meter changes, sometimes just for one measure, sometimes more, but it can maintain an even tempo throughout. The X noteheads indicate striking a note with damped strings for a percussive sound, but the pitches still matter, so just a little pressure on the fret.

Mandolin 1

Dog Breath Variations

Frank Zappa, 1967

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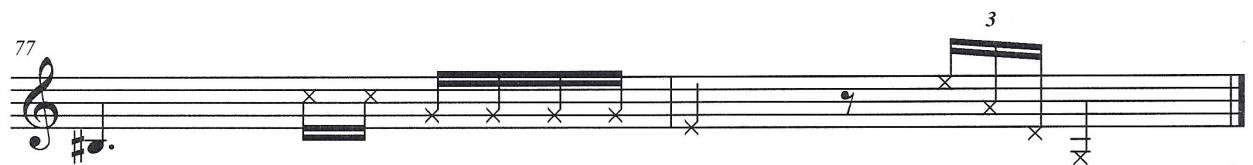
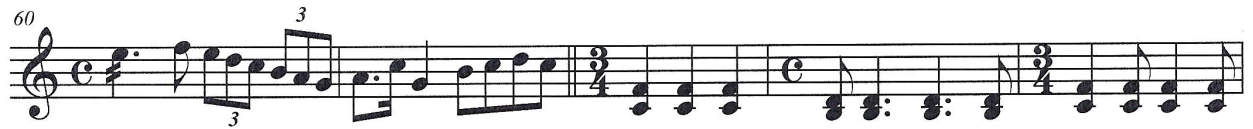
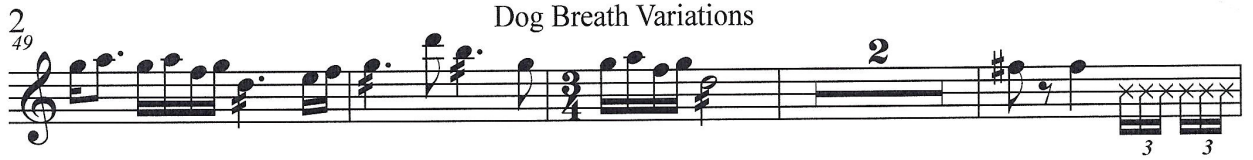
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B

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Mandolin 2

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Frank Zappa, 1967

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A

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B

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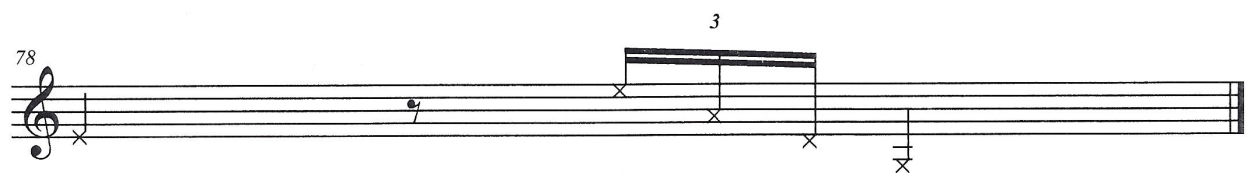
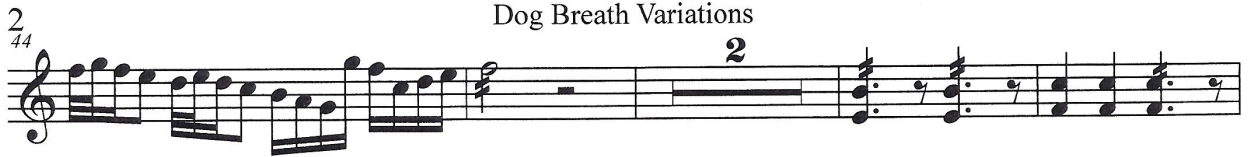
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C

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3rd Mandolin

Frank Zappa, 1967

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Gliss.

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C

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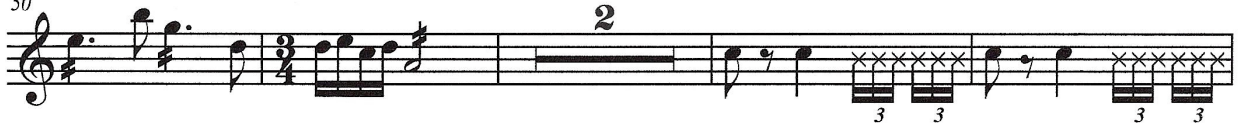
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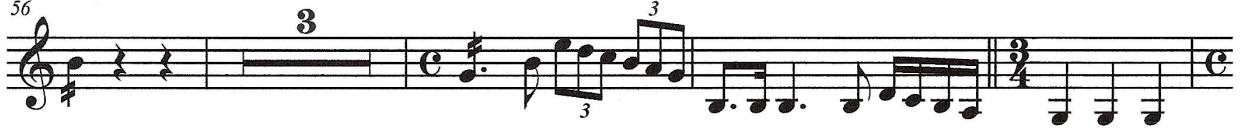
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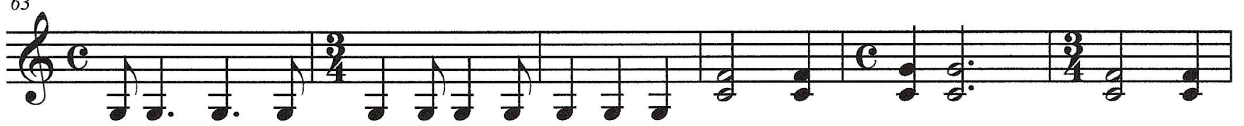
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Guitar

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Frank Zappa, 1967

Handwritten guitar score for "Dog Breath Variations" by Frank Zappa, 1967. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of 40 measures, divided into four systems of ten measures each. The notation includes various chords (F, G, Dm, C, Eb, Bb, Cm7, Dm7) and melodic lines. The score is marked with "A" at measure 13 and "B" at measure 29. The time signature changes from 4/4 to 3/4 at measure 29 and back to 4/4 at measure 35.

Measures 1-10: F, G, F, G, C, Dm, G, C, F, G. Chords: F, G, F, G, C, Dm, G, C, F, G.

Measures 11-20: F, G, F, G, F, G, F, G, F, G. Chords: F, G, F, G, F, G, F, G, F, G.

Measures 21-30: F, G, F, G, F, G, F, G, F, G. Chords: F, G, F, G, F, G, F, G, F, G.

Measures 31-40: F, G, F, G, F, G, F, G, F, G. Chords: F, G, F, G, F, G, F, G, F, G.

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GUIT 22