## **Pentachordal Melody**

The sequence may be played as a melody using a set of 5 pitches. Notes and rests of equal length, suggested tempo c. 96 bpm. (legato phrasing)

Pitches may be adjacent notes of a scale, or wider intervals and changes of direction (rising or falling) may be used, as long as the melodic shape is consistent.

The melody may be played as a solo on any instrument. For an ensemble version (up to 5 players) each instrument with its own set of 5 pitches, enter one by one in canon (interval of entry 8 or 12 beats).

In lines 3 and 4, new pitches may be introduced (substitutions): eg one new pitch in line 3, another in line 4.

Lines 1 and 3 may be combined in counterpoint, similarly lines 2 and 4, ie. line 1, 2, 3, 4 (player 1) line 3, 4, 1, 2 (player 2)

Other ways of performing the melody may be devised (at discretion of the performers)

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for Apartment House (version for violin, clarinet, trombone, cello and piano)