From Katy Perry's album PRISM

# **Birthday**

Words and Music by KATY PERRY, BONNIE MCKEE, MAX MARTIN, LUKASZ GOTTWALD and HENRY WALTER

Arranged by VICTOR LÓPEZ

### **INSTRUMENTATION**

- 1 Conductor
- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola

- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass
- 1 Piano Accompaniment
- 1 Drumset

#### **PROGRAM NOTES**

Katy Perry cemented her status as a best-selling superstar with the global success of her second studio album, *Teenage Dream*, which debuted at No. 1 in eight countries and spent more than two years on Billboard's Top 200 album sales chart. She became the only female artist to have five No. 1 singles from one album on the Billboard Hot 100 chart ("California Gurls," "Teenage Dream," "Firework," "E.T." and "Last Friday Night"). The special edition, *Teenage Dream: The Complete Confection*, added "Part of Me" and "Wide Awake" to Perry's list of nine Top 40 chart-toppers (dating back to her multi-platinum debut album, 2008's *One of the Boys*, which generated four hit singles: "I Kissed A Girl," "Hot N Cold," "Thinking of You" and "Waking Up In Vegas"). "Roar," the first single from her new album, *Prism*, became Perry's 10th No. 1 Top 40 track after debuting at No. 1 on ¡Tunes in 68 countries with 557,024 downloads in its first week of release, the biggest digital song sales week of 2013. A successful follow-up single, "Unconditionally," was released in late 2013, followed by "Dark Horse," which helped Perry set the record at Top 40 for most total weeks (46) at No. 1 in the Billboard airplay chart's archives. She is the first artist to surpass the 70 million digital award threshold, counting digital downloads and on-demand streams – 20 million ahead of any other artist. She is currently touring the world on the Prismatic World Tour.

# **NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR**

Written in a disco style, this arrangement is very playable and easy to learn and teach. It has a straightforward dance rhythm and should be played with a steady pulse. Make note that starting at rehearsal 21 through measure 28, this section has a 'half time feel' throughout; however, the beat remains the same all the way through the piece. This is a technique used by many jazz/pop writers and/or drummers to simply add some variety to the rhythmic groove of a song. Ultimately, the piano part may be played on acoustic or electric piano.

Most of all enjoy!

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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Belwin/Pop String Editor

Belwin ORCHESTRA

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CONDUCTOR SCORE Duration - 1:30

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