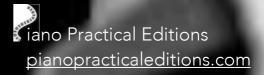
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A miniature masterpiece which displays all the harmonic and inventive genius of the composer, pre-dating by some 50 years cool pianistic jazz from the likes of Bill Evans.

To celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Haydn's death in 1909, a commission by the Revue musicale mensuelle de la Société Internationale de Musique was offered to six illustrious composers: Ravel, Debussy, d'Indy, Dukas, Hahn and Widor. They were required to write a piano piece using Haydn's musically coded name as the subject:

- $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{B}_{\natural}$ (in German notation)
- \bullet $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}$
- Y* = D (*via the alphabet in repeating groups of seven)
- **D** = D
- N* = G

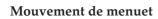
Ravel creatively reinvents the motif with inversion, transposition and in retrograde; using stunning modulations and fruity chord progressions, this is a wonderful example of how Ravel may have improvised — bars 26 & 32 are particularly touching.

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