Categories of Musical Borrowing

- 1. **Modeling** a work or a section on some aspect of an existing piece.
- 2. *Variations* on an existing melody.
- 3. **Paraphrasing** and existing melody to form a new melody.
- 4. **Setting** of an existing melody with a new accompaniment.
- 5. *Cantus Firmus*, presenting a given melody in long notes against a faster moving texture.
- 6. *Medley*, stating two or more existing melodies one after the other.
- 7. *Quodlibet*, combing two or more existing melodies in counterpoint or in quick succession
- 8. *Stylistic allusion*, alluding not to a specific work, but to a general style.
- 9. *Transcription* of a work for a new medium.
- 10. *Programmatic quotation*, using an existing melody to provide an extra-musical idea or concept.
- 11. *Cumulative setting*, in which the borrowed melody is presented in its complete form only near the end of the work, preceded by development of motives from the melody.
- 12. *Collage*, which uses a numerous quoted and paraphrased melodies in juxtaposition.
- 13. *Patchwork*, combing fragments of two or more melodies.
- 14. *Extended paraphrase*, a melody for an entire work or section of a work is paraphrased from an existing piece of music.

*Peter Burkholder identified these fourteen types of borrowing in the music of Charles Ives.