

Viola

Barlow Knife

Traditional

A G D G

5 G D C G

9 B C G C G

13 C G D G

17 C D G D G

21 D G D G

Performance tips:

Playing a hoedown is a little different from your regular solos or orchestra music. You don't have to play exactly what's on the page, you just have to stay in the right key and keep the right number of beats.

The melody is just framework; you can add your own special touches to personalize it. To make your own variation you can try altering the rhythm, adding slurs or double stops, or filling in spaces in the music. Visit www.Bow-DaciousStringBand.com for more tips.

This tune works well if you swing the eighth notes a little bit and keep the quarter notes kind of short, but not too choppy.