

Soldier's Joy

Viola

traditional

Melody

The musical score is written for Viola in the key of D major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of a main melody and a variation section. The main melody is divided into four systems of four measures each. The variation section is divided into four systems of four measures each. Chord symbols (D, G, A7) are placed above the staff to indicate harmonic accompaniment. Measure numbers (5, 9, 13, 17, 22, 26, 30) are placed at the beginning of each system. The score includes slurs, ties, and repeat signs.

Performance tips:

Playing a hoedown is a little different from playing 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 a framework; the variation shows you a few ideas of things you can add to personalize it. You can try altering the rhythm, adding slurs or double stops, or filling in spaces in the music.

In measure 1 of this variation you repeat the notes but play them twice as fast. Measure 2 adds a syncopated rhythm. Visit www.Bow-DaciousStringBand.com for more tips.