

Arkansas Traveler

The musical score is written for Viola in 2/4 time, key of D major (indicated by two sharps). It consists of two main sections, A and B, each with a first and second ending.

Section A: Measures 1-8. Chords: D, A, D. Measure 6 starts with a '6' below the staff. The first ending (1.) and second ending (2.) are measures 7-8.

Section B: Measures 9-16. Chords: D, G, D, A, D, D, A. Measure 10 starts with a '10' below the staff. The first ending (1.) and second ending (2.) are measures 15-16.

The score includes various musical notations such as 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; 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.

The slurs in the B section of this tune are a little tricky, but try them--they help accent the offbeats for a great rhythmic feel. Beware of F# and C# on your lower strings!