Cotton-Eyed Joe

Skeletal Melody

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 skeletal melody is just 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. Variation 1 gives you some ideas of other ways you could play it. Visit www.Bow-DaciousStringBand.com for more tips.

Beware of G# and C# on your lower strings!