

Violin

Soldier's Joy

traditional

Melody

Musical notation for the main melody of 'Soldier's Joy'. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is written on a single staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: D, A7, D, A7, D, D, G, D, A7, D. Measure numbers 5, 9, and 13 are shown at the start of their respective lines.

Variation

Musical notation for a variation of 'Soldier's Joy'. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is 2/4. The variation is written on a single staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: D, A7, D, A7, D, D, G, D, A7, D. Measure numbers 17, 22, 26, and 30 are shown at the start of their respective lines.

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.