

Viola

The Travel Song

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Begin the piece in first position with your 3rd finger on the D string, on the note “G”. During measures 1 and 3, and the first half of measures 2 and 4, while playing your open D or A string, shift between 1st position and 3rd position. Following along with the provided fingerings should help with understanding which position one should be in at any given time.

Make sure that when shifting, the entire left hand shifts as a unit with virtually no movement of the individual fingers and parts of the hand. Think like a robot.

The musical score is written for Viola in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 60. The first two measures of the first staff have fingerings 3 0 1 0 and 3 0 1 0 above the notes. The third measure has fingerings 3 0 1 2 above the notes. The second staff has fingerings 3 0 1 0 and 3 above the first two measures, and 3 2 1 0 above the last measure. The third staff begins with fingerings 5 and 3 above the first two notes.