

ViolinWorks Music

Arrangement #C3

Price: \$9.50 CDN/\$8.25 US

Title: Foxtrot Rag

Origin: Composed by Gordon Stobbe, Canada 1998

Key: G major

Metre: 4/4

Rhythms: Eighths, quarters, tied & syncopated-tied eighths

Skill Level: Level 3+ (Level 5 will find this tune a quick study.)

Duration: 2:30

About the Music: **Gordon Stobbe** is a widely known fiddler and fiddle teacher in Eastern Canada, a composer of good tunes and publisher. He says of this Country Rag: "I wrote the tune for a fiddle workshop in 1998. I subsequently recorded it on a CD called 'New Traditions' where it is played in three parts with a tuba instead of bass."

Performance Suggestions:

- **Cello** is optional. Choice of **pizzicato** and **arco** is up to the players.
- **Keyboard/Bass** is optional. The parts should be played by players familiar with chording ad. lib. to country tunes.
- This is an **old-time Country Rag** - which means it is played with a **swing rhythm**. Listen to the **MP3** on the site. Also: **Dill Pickle Rag**
- **Slides** are welcome on the half-notes at m. 20 in Violin 1 & 2.
- For **ensemble-playing**, follow the staccato articulations and slurring carefully.
- **NOTE to Classical teachers & players:** this style of music should not sound like Vivaldi!!! Use short, light bowings. Imagine it to be **Baroque!**