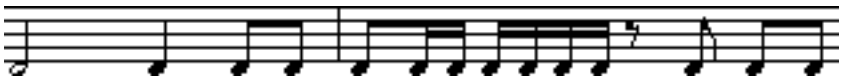
ViolinWorks Arrangement #A8

Cover Page for Trepak

arranged for Three Violins and Cello
with optional Viola and optional Bass

Title: **Trepak**
Origin: Prosper Morant
Key: G major **Metre:** 2/4

Rhythms:



Skill Level: Level 5 - Violins need only first postion, but a very quick tempo and accurate articulations are required.
Duration: 3:15

About the Music: A Russian dance in quick duple meter of Cossack origin.

Performance Suggestions

- ◇ Violin III and Viola are identical. You may substitute these parts freely.
- ◇ Cello and bass are identical. Bass may substitute staccato quarter-notes for the first note of each pair of eighths, if necessary.
- ◇ The tempo should be at least 112. Try 132!
- ◇ Dynamic changes make this piece exciting to listen to and to play.
- ◇ For larger ensembles: - try using a quartet at letter A, another quartet at letter B, and the entire ensemble thereafter.
- ◇ The accel. and presto at m.32/33 are optional.
- ◇ The ritard at m. 20 is optional.
- ◇ Students can easily memorize this piece.

Pedagogy

- ◇ Short, crisp staccato bowing
- ◇ Pay close attention to legato markings.
- ◇ This is an excellent piece for dynamic study.
- ◇ This is an effective motivational piece - it is easy to play, yet sounds much more difficult than it is, when played at a quick tempo.