

SSSS Excerpts 2024

Violin

1. Blue-Fire Fiddler (S. H. Newbold)

Presto (♩ = 84-120)

The musical score is written for violin in 4/4 time, key of D major. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic marking. The music is characterized by rapid sixteenth-note passages and slurs. The second staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The third and fourth staves continue the piece with similar rhythmic patterns and articulations.

What we're after:

- Strong, clear tone
- Accuracy of pitch and rhythm, with steady pulse throughout
- Accuracy of bowings and articulations
- **Advice:** take this excerpt at the fastest tempo that is *comfortable*, not necessarily the fastest tempo *possible* for you (within the marked tempo range). Our priority is accuracy over speed!

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2. Sleeping Beauty Waltz (P. I. Tchaikovsky)

Tempo di valse (♩ = 144-156)

1* *p* *cresc.* *f* *ff*

2* *p* *cresc.* *f* *ff*

*See 'Advice' (below) for instruction on which part to play.

1 *H2*

2 *H2*

1 *ff*

2 *ff*

What we're after:

- High quality of tone, especially in low dynamics
- Attention paid to the key signature
- Accuracy of pitch and rhythm
- Accidentals played correctly
- **Advice:** if you have learned 3rd position please attempt part number 1 only, otherwise please play part number 2 only (parts are labeled at the beginning of each line).