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David Bragger taught this nice version: Part 1 (up-tempo) is at www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhlCeq3tuno; Part 2 (slower, with bowing suggestions) is at www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIPs75aG8zA

For fiddle bowing, David suggests using a standard shuffle to begin the [A] part, as shown, then a "Mel shuffle" or "Mel phrase", a bowing pattern David says was often used by Mel Durham and Melvin Wine, for the last measure. Note the two 'up-bows' in a row are not slurred. For the [B] part, he suggested two possibilities. The one shown here uses what he called a "Synco shuffle" or "Syncopated shuffle" (which David said was often used by Tommy Jarrell), again followed by a "Mel phrase" at the end. As in the Mel phrase, the two successive up-bows in the Synco shuffle are not slurred; just pause or "hitch" the bow-stroke.

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