

Not too fast; swing it a little

Key: G

♩ = 90

Colored Aristocracy

(sometimes called 'Southern Aristocracy')

Originally a cakewalk?

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A

3 G Em

5 C G 1 A D 2 D G

B

9 G Em C G

13 C G A D

17 G Em C G

21 C G D G

3

(to repeat tune)

This is typical of how I might play it, with ornaments like those shown in measures 11 and 17 added from time to time, and the notes in parentheses sometimes (often?) omitted. Several people suggest the tune was originally a cakewalk from the late 1800s; see for example www.tunearch.org/wiki/Annotation:Colored_Aristocracy. Your favorite search engine can lead you to lots more info about the title and the tune's evolution.

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