"Cottontail" music by Duke Ellington, arr by Howland for 2022 PLU festival ensemble

Special Notes: 1) Listen to & practice along with the recording to match the swing eighth-note (loping, long, short, long, short) feel
2) Strum throughout with downstrokes on the beat, use dampened upstrokes sparingly, and add slight accent on beats 2 and 4
3) Left hand should be very relaxed using a steady, rhythmic movement of pressing and releasing off the frets, not the strings! For a relaxed staccato effect. The fingering below is one efficient option, sliding the 3rd finger throughout, with the back of it naturally dampening the 2nd string.

Medium Swing

GTR 5

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