Jock o' Hazeldean

A Fiddle variant of Child ballad 293, aka "John of Hazelgreen" (hear it at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idKg7lc4COY)

Lyrics by Sir Walter Scott, 1816

Trad. Scottish Ballad arr. P.K. Clifford





"John of Hazelgreen" aka "Jock of Hazeldean" (similar melody, different plots) is an old Scottish ballad first notated around 1640, reset to song by Sir Walter Scott in 1816, and anthologized by Francis James Child in the 1890s as Child ballad 293. Both the melody and plot have been reworked many times. It can be played either as a slow air or as a Highland Fling

This is a simplified fiddle version of a complicated song usually adorned by numerous vocal flourishes. There are dozens of Scottish, English, and now American versions, many of which bear little resemblance to this version. You can find many of them sung by Celtic folk singers on Youtube.

Slides are notated with grace notes instead only to hear them in Musescore, which plays grace notes but not slides. You of course can play it however you like!