

MACPHERSON'S FAREWELL

Chords for the first system: G Em Am D7 G Em C D7

Chords for the second system: G Em Am D7 G C D7

Chords for the third system: G Am7 C D7 G C

Chords for the fourth system: G Am7 C D7 G C D G

Otherwise "Macpherson's Rant", the song is about the outlaw fiddler James Macpherson, hanged for murder in Banff in 1700. Burns tells us "He played a spring, and danc'd it round, Below the gallows-tree". Later versions add more drama with his breaking of the fiddle and the reprieve that came too late.