

MacPherson's Fiddle

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Defiantly G Em Am⁷ C

G Em C D⁹

G Em Am⁷ C

Am D⁷ G

G G⁷/B C Am⁷

G G⁷/B C Am D

Em G/D B⁷ Em

C D⁷ G

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This tune was inspired by *MacPherson's Rant*, a tune composed by fiddler and outlaw James MacPherson who was executed in Scotland in 1700. MacPherson reportedly played the tune on the gallows and then offered his fiddle to anyone who would play the instrument at his wake. When no one came forward, he broke the fiddle and threw it to the crowd. We recorded a version with our band Fiddle Fever in the 1980s, and we created a variant decades later for a Dodge Challenger TV ad called *Freedom*, which may still be on YouTube.