



Nigel Gatherer's
MUSIC

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Finlayston House (John Riddell)

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff is the melody, starting with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The second and fourth staves are accompaniment, starting with a quarter note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note C4. The third staff is a repeat sign.

Finlaystone House overlooks the river Clyde near Greenock and has been the seat of the Clan MacMillan for five generations. The tune was used by Robert Burns for his song "A



Mother's Lament for the Death of her Son" and was composed by John Riddell of Ayr (1718-95), one of the first fiddler-composers to publish his own collection of tunes, around 1766.