

National Anthems Online

FINLAND: Maamme

National Day: 6 December (Independence Day 1917)

The title means "Our Land" and the composer, although born in Hamburg, spent most of his life in Helsinki. Pacius became founder of the Finnish national school of music and he was the composer of the first Finnish opera. He was also a songwriter and many of his songs have become so well-known in Finland that they have virtually become part of folk culture. The words were written by Finland's national poet, Johan Ludvig Runeberg (1804-1877). The anthem was first sung at a students' gathering on 13th May, 1848. Some Finns have proposed that the Finnish national anthem be changed to the chorale-like theme in *Finlandia* by Jean Sibelius, partly because Pacius's melody is also the national anthem of Estonia.

Fredrik Pacius (1809 - 1891)
Arranged by Colin Kirkpatrick

♩ = 66

In Bb, F, Eb.

f

6

mf *p* *cresc.* *f*

11

1. 2.

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