

Wild Rover

trad. Irish early 19th century



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I've (C) been a wild rover for many a (F) year
And I (C) spent all me (G7) money on whiskey and (C) beer
But (C) now I'm returning with gold in great (F) store,
And I (C) promise to (G7) play the wild rover no (C) more

chorus

And it's (G7) no, nay, never
(C) No, nay, never, no (F) more,
Will I (C) play the wild (F) rover,
No (G7) never, no (C) more (C)

I (C) went to an ale house I used to fre(F)quent,
And I (C) told the land(G7)lady me money's all (C) spent,
I (C) asked her for credit, she answered me (F) "Nay...
Sure a (C) custom like (G7) yours I could get any (C) day."

chorus

I (C) took from my pocket ten sovereigns (F) bright,
And the (C) landlady's (G7) eyes opened up with de(C)light,
She (C) said, "I have whiskeys and wines of the (F) best,
And the (C) words that I (G7) told you were only in (C) jest.

chorus

I'll go (C) home to my parents, confess what I've (F) done,
And I'll (C) ask them to (G7) pardon their prodigal (C) son,
And (C) if they forgive me as oft times be(F)fore,
Then I (C) never will (G7) play the wild rover no (C) more!

chorus

And it's (G7) no, nay, never
(C) No, nay, never, no (F) more,
Will I (C) play the wild (F) rover,
No (G7) never, no (C) more (C)

And it's (G7) no, nay, never
(C) No, nay, never, no (F) more, [Slowing]
Will I (C↓) plaaaay the wild (F↓) rover,
No (G7↓) never, no (C↓) more

