

THE WILD ROVER

Chorus: And it's no, nay, never, no, nay, never, no more,
Will I play the wild rover, no, never no more
I've been a wild rover for many's the year,
And I've spent all my money on whiskey and beer,
But now I'm returning with gold in great store,
And I never will play the wild rover no more.

(Chorus)

I went into an alehouse I used to frequent,
And I told the landlady my money was spent,
I asked her for credit, she answered me
"Nay, such a custom as yours I can have every day."

(Chorus)

I then took from my pocket ten sovereigns bright,
And the landlady's eyes opened wide with delight,
She says, "I have whiskies and wines of the best,
And the words that I told you were only in jest."

(Chorus)

I'll go home to my parents, confess what I've done,
And I'll ask them to pardon their prodigal son,
And when they've caressed me as oft times before,
The I never will play the wild rover no more.