

Wild Rover

I've been a wild rover for many a year; I've spent all my money on whiskey and beer. But now I'm returning with gold in great store And never I'll play the wild rover no more

Chorus: *And it's no, nay, never, No nay never no more, I'll play the wild rover No never no more.*

I went to an ale-house 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 get any day."

[Chorus]

Then out of my pocket I took sovereigns bright, And the landlady's eyes opened wide with delight. She said, "I have whiskeys and wines of the best, And the words that I spoke sure were only in jest."

[Chorus]

If I had all the money I'd left in your care, It would plow all my lands and my family rear. It would thatch all my houses, it would build me a barn, It would buy me a coat for to keep my back warm.

[Chorus]

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

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