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The Wild Rover

(Trad.)

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

D D7 G C
And it's no nay never, no never no more
G C G D G
Will I play the wild rover, no never, no more

I went to 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 like yours I could have any day'

Chorus:

I took from my pocket ten sovereigns bright
And the landlady's eyes opened wide with delight
She said 'I have whiskey and wines of the best,
And the words that I spoke sure were only a jest'.

Chorus:

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

Chorus: