**The Wild Rover**

[Verse 1]

G C

I've been a wild rover for many a year

G C D7 G

I spent all me money on whiskey and beer

G C

But now I'm returning with gold in great store

G C D7 G

And I never will play the wild rover no more

[Chorus]

D7 G C

And it's no nay never, no nay never no more

G C D7 G

Will I play the wild rover, no never, no more

[Verse 2]

G C

I went in to an alehouse I used to frequent

G C D7 G

And I told the landlady me money was spent

G C

I asked her for credit, she answered me "Nay!"

G C D7 G

"Such custom as yours I could have any day!"

[Chorus]

D7 G C

And it's no nay never, no nay never no more

G C D7 G

Will I play the wild rover, no never, no more

[Verse 3]

G C

I took out of me pocket ten sovereigns bright

G C D7 G

And the landlady's eyes opened wide with delight

G C

She said: "I have whiskeys and wines on the best!

G C D7 G

And the words that I told you were only in jest!"

[Chorus]

D7 G C

And it's no nay never, no nay never no more

G C D7 G

Will I play the wild rover, no never, no more

[Verse 4]

G C

I'll go home to my parents, confess what I've done

G C D7 G

And ask them to pardon their prodigal son

G C

And when they've caressed me as oftimes before

G C D7 G

I never will play the wild rover no more.

[Chorus]

D7 G C

And it's no nay never, no nay never no more

G C D7 G

Will I play the wild rover, no never, no more

D7 G C

And it's no nay never, no nay never no more

G C D7 G

Will I play the wild rover, no never, no more

*In the English Folk Song and Dance periodical "Folk Music Journal" vol 10 (2015), Brian Peters claimed that the origin of the song was a seventeenth century English Broadside written by Thomas Lanfiere. This evolved into several distinct versions found in England, Scotland, Ireland and North America. Shortly afterwards it became popular in Australia.*

