

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

And it's no, nay, never
No nay never no more
Will I play the wild rover
No never no more

I went in 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 as yours I can have any day

(chorus)

I then took from my pocket ten sovereigns bright And the landlady's eyes opened wide with delight She said I have whiskey and wine of the best And the words that you told me 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 I never will play the wild rover no more

(chorus - twice)

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