Wild Rover

(T. + M.: Trad.)

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

Refrain:

And it's no, nay, never, - no, nay, never, no more will I play the wild rover - no, never, no more

I went into 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 like yours I can have any day

Refrain:

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

I took from my pocket ten sovereigns bright and the landlady's eyes opened wide with delight. She said I'd have whiskey and wines of the best and the words that she told me were only in jest.

Refrain:

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

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 then I never will play the wild rover no more

Refrain:

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