

WILD ROVER - Traditional (c. 1600s) Revision 2- October 2025

I've [C] been a wild rover for many a [F] year
And I [C] spent all me [G7] money on whiskey and [C] beer
But [C] now I'm returning with gold in great [F] store,
And I [C] promise to [G7] play the wild rover no [C] more

And it's [G7] no, nay, never (3 stomps or claps)

[C] No, nay, never, no [F] more,
Will I [C] play the wild [F] rover,
No [G7] never, no [C] more

I [C] went to an ale house I used to fre[F]quent,
And I [C] told the land[G7]lady me money's all [C] spent,
I [C] asked her for credit, she answered me [F] "Nay...
Sure a [C] custom like [G7] yours I could get any [C] day."

And it's [G7] no, nay, never (3 stomps or claps)

[C] No, nay, never, no [F] more,
Will I [C] play the wild [F] rover,
No [G7] never, no [C] more

[C] And from my pocket I took sovereigns [F] bright,
And the [C] landlady's [G7] eyes they lit up with de[C]light,
She [C] said, "I have whiskeys and wines of the [F] best,
And the [C] words that I [G7] spoke were only in [C] jest".

And it's [G7] no, nay, never (3 stomps or claps)

[C] No, nay, never, no [F] more,
Will I [C] play the wild [F] rover,
No [G7] never, no [C] more

I'll go [C] home to me parents, confess what I've [F] done,
And I'll [C] ask them to [G7] pardon their prodigal [C] son,
And [C] if they forgive me as oft times be[F]fore,
Then I [C] promise I'll [G7] play the wild rover no [C] more!

And it's [G7] no, nay, never (3 stomps or claps)

[C] No, nay, never, no [F] more,
Will I [C] play the wild [F] rover,
No [G7] never, no [C] more

And it's [G7] no, nay, never (3 stomps or claps)

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Will I [C] play the wild [F] rover,
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