

Clancy Brothers

"Wild Rover (no Nay Never)"

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I've been a wild rover for many a year
And I spent all me 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 into an ale-house I used to frequent
And I told the landlady me money was spent.
I asked her for credit, she answered me "nay
Such a custom as yours I could have any day."
And it's no, nay, never,
No nay never no more,
Will I play the wild rover
No never no more.
And out of me pocket I took 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 said sure were only in jest."
And it's no, nay, never,
No nay never no more,
Will I play the wild rover
No 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 if they caress (forgive) me as oft-times before
Then 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.

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