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Dubliners, The "Wild Rover"

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I've been a wild rover for many a year And I spent all my money on whiskey and beer, And now I'm returning with gold in great store And I never will play the wild rover no more.

Chorus:

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

I went to 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 as yours I could have any day."

Chorus:

I took from my pocket ten 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 spoke sure 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 if they caress me as ofttimes before Sure I never will play the wild rover no more.

Chorus:

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