

The Irish Collection



The Wild Rover (traditional)

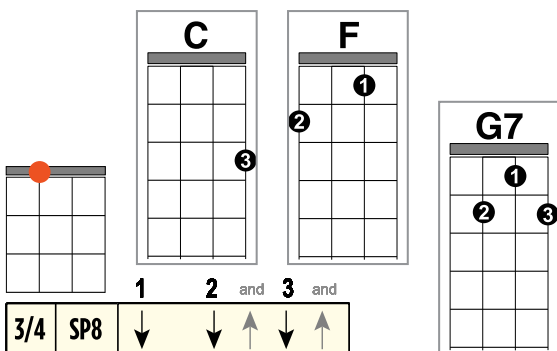
1 I've been a wild rover for many a year, and I've spent all me money on
 whiskey and beer. But now I'm returning with gold in great store,
 And I never will play the wild rover no more,

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

2 I went in to an alehouse I used to frequent, and I told the landlady me
 money was spent. I asked her for credit, she answered me "Nay!"
 "Such custom as yours I could have any day!" **[Chorus]**

3 I took out of me pocket ten sovereigns bright, and the landlady's eyes opened
 wide with delight. She said: "I have whiskeys and wines of the best!"
 And the words that I told you were only in jest!" **[Chorus]**

4 I'll go home to my parents, confess what I've done, And ask them to
 pardon their prodigal son. And when they've caressed me as oftimes before,
 I never will play the wild rover no more. **[Chorus]**



Wild Rover

Possibly the most widely known folk song of them all, The Wild Rover is a staple of folk clubs, folk groups and rugby players across the world.