

The Irish Collection



The Wild Rover (traditional)

(1 2 3 1 2) **D** / / **G** / **D** **G**
1 (I've) Been a wild rover for many a year, and I've spent all me money on
A7 **D** / **D** / / **G** /
 whiskey and beer. But now I'm returning with gold in great store,
D **G** **A7** **D**
 And I never will play the wild rover no more,

Ch **A7** / / (**A7A7A7**) **D** / **G** /
 And it's no nay never, no nay never no more,
D / **G** / **A7** / **D** **D**.
 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
A7 **D** / **D** / / **G** /
 money was spent. I asked her for credit, she answered me "Nay!"
D **G** **A7** **D**
 "Such custom as yours I could have any day!" **[Chorus]**

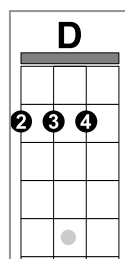
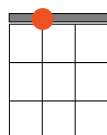
3 (I took) Out of me pocket ten sovereigns bright, and the landlady's eyes opened
A7 **D** / **D** / / **G** /
 wide with delight. She said: "I have whiskeys and wines of the best!"
D **G** **A7** **D**
 And the words that I told you were only in jest!" **[Chorus]**

4 (I'll go) Home to my parents, confess what I've done,
D **G** **A7** **D** /
 And ask them to pardon their prodigal son.
D / / **G** /
 And when they've caressed me as oftimes before,
D **G** **A7** **D**
 I never will play the wild rover no more. **[Chorus x2]**



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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.



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