Wild Rover

Words and Music: Irish Traditional

Key: **Tempo:**

VERSE 1

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I[1]                                IV
I've been a wild rover for many a year,
         I            V7                    I
and I've spent all my money on whiskey and beer.
                                          IV
But now I'm returning with gold in great store,
      I          V7                      I
and I never will play the wild rover no more.
         V                I                    IV
And it's no, nay, never, _ no, nay, never no more
       I              IV          I   V7    I
will I play the wild rover, no, never, no more.
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VERSE 2

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I[1]                                  IV
I went into an alehouse I used to frequent
      I            V7                 I
and I told the landlady my money was spent.
                                        IV
I asked for a bottle, she answered me "Nay,
       I         V7                   I
such a custom as yours I can get any day."
         V                I                    IV
And it's no, nay, never, _ no, nay, never no more
       I              IV          I   V7    I
will I play the wild rover, no, never, no more.
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VERSE 3

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I[1]                                    IV
Then out of my pocket I took sov'reigns bright,
        I          V7                      I
and the landlady's eyes opened wide with delight.
                                           IV
She said "I have whiskies, and wines of the best,
        I            V7                      I
and the words that I said, sure, were only in jest."
         V               I                   IV
And it's no, nay, never, _ no, nay, never no more
       I              IV         I   V7    I
will I play the wild rover, no, never, no more.
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VERSE 4

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I[1]                                        IV
I'll go back to my parents, confess what I've done,
    I           V7                    I
and ask them to pardon their prodigal son.
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And if they caress me as ofttimes before,
       I          V7                      I
then I never will play the wild rover no more.
         V               I                   IV
And it's no, nay, never, _ no, nay, never no more
       I              IV         I   V7    I
will I play the wild rover, no, never, no more.
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