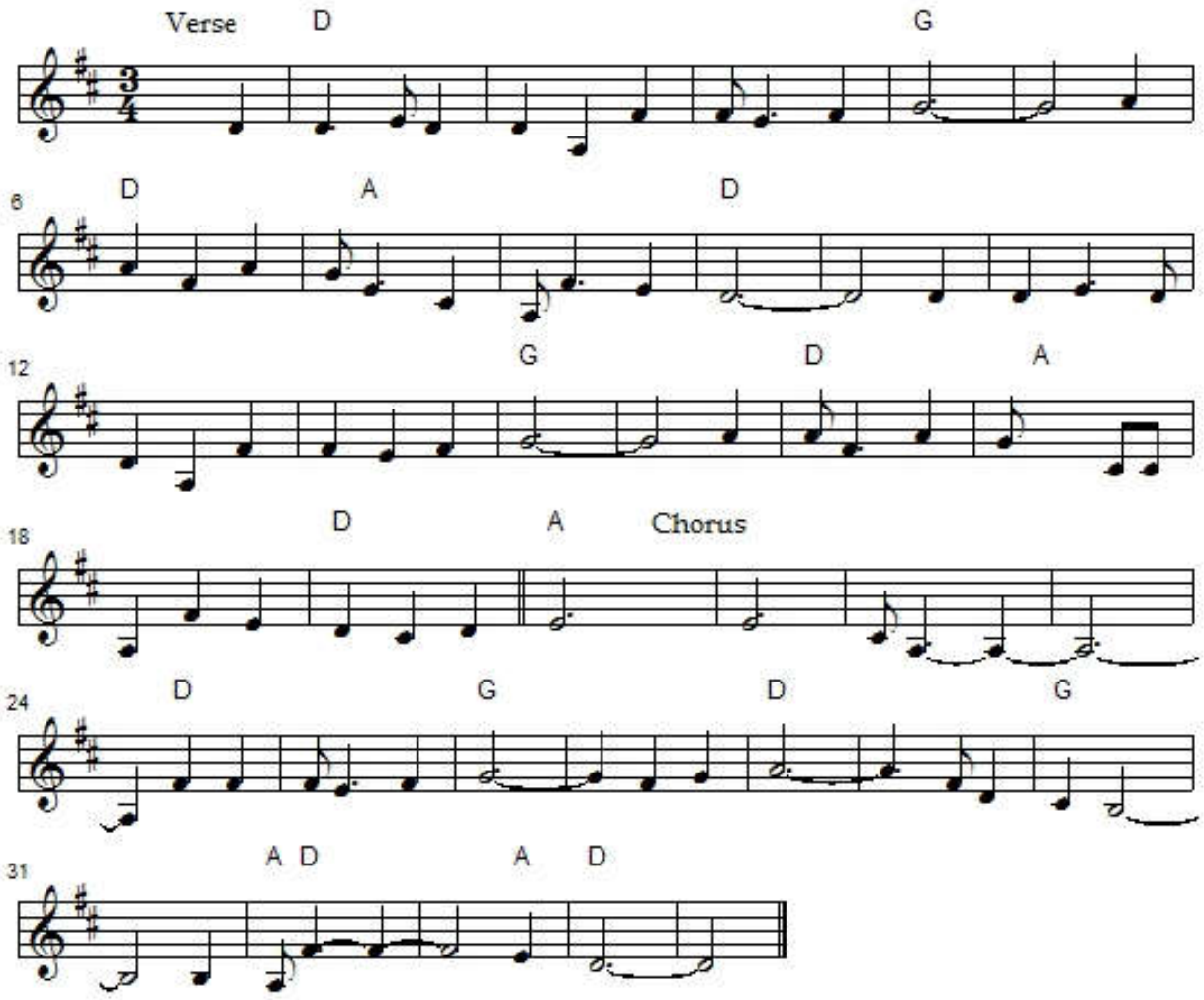
Wild Rover, The



1. 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.

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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
   Sure I never will play the wild rover no more.
   Chorus

A favorite Irish drinking song in the 60's folk song revival. We all sang it until we were tired of it.
It was recorded by the usual Irish cast of characters:
The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem on **Recorded Live in Ireland** (1965), The Dubliners on **The Dubliners** (1964), The Irish Rovers and The Wolfe Tones.
I learned it from the Clancy Brothers recording.