

Rye Whiskey Rye Whiskey (a.k.a. Jack Of Diamonds)

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I'm a rambler, I'm a gambler, I'm a long way from home.

E7 A E
And if you don't like me, just leave me alone.

I'll eat when I'm hungry, I'll drink when I'm dry.
If the hard times don't kill me, I'll live 'til I die.

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Chorus (all): "Rye whiskey, rye whiskey, rye whiskey!" I cry.

E7 A E
If I don't get rye whiskey, I surely will die.

Jack of Diamonds, Jack of Diamonds, I've known you of old.
You've robbed my poor pockets of silver and gold.

Beefsteak when I'm hungry, rye whiskey when I'm dry.
Greenbacks when I'm hard up and heaven when I die.

Chorus (all):

I'll tune up my fiddle and I'll rosin my bow,
I'll make myself welcome wherever I go.

For work I'm too lazy, investment's too slow
Train robbin's too risky, it's gamblin' I'll go.

Chorus (all):

They say I drink whiskey, my money's my own
All them that don't like me can leave me alone.

Sometimes I drink whiskey, sometimes I drink rum
Sometimes I drink brandy, at other times none.

Chorus (all):

But if I get boozy, my whiskey's my own,
And them that don't like me can leave me alone.

Oh, whiskey, you villain, you've been my downfall,
You've kicked me, you've cuffed me, but I love you for all.

Chorus (all):

If the ocean was whiskey and I was a duck
I'd dive to the bottom to get one sweet suck.

But the ocean ain't whiskey and I ain't a duck,
So I'll play Jack of Diamonds and trust to my luck.

Chorus (all):

Well up on the mountain, I built my own still
I'll give you a gallon for a five dollar bill

But your parents don't like me, they say I'm too poor
They say I'm unworthy to enter your door

Chorus (all):

Sweet milk when I'm hungry, rye whiskey when dry,
If a tree don't fall on me, I'll live till I die.

I'll drink my own whiskey, I'll drink my own wine,
Some ten thousand bottles I've killed in my time

Chorus (all):

Way up on Clinch Mountain I wander alone,
I'm as drunk as the devil, oh, let me alone.

You may boast of your knowledge and brag of your sense,
'Twill all be forgotten a hundred years hence

Chorus (all):