

## RYE WHISKEY (TRADITIONAL)

**Chorus:**

**D    G                                  D**

**Rye whiskey, rye whiskey, rye whiskey I cry,**

**G    D**

**If I don't get rye whiskey, I surely will die.**

**Way up on Clinch Mountain I wander alone  
I'm drunk as the devil, just leave me alone.**

**I'll eat when I'm hungry, I'll drink when I'm dry,  
If a tree don't fall on me, I'll live till I die.**

**It's whiskey, rye whiskey, you're no friend to me,  
You killed my poor daddy, Goddamn you try me.**

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

Oh baby, oh baby, I've told you before,  
To make me a pallet, I'll lay on the floor.

**Your parents don't like me, they say I'm too poor,  
They say I'm not worthy to enter your door.**

**They say I drink whiskey, but my money's my own,  
And if they don't like me, they can leave me alone.**

**It's beefsteak when I'm hungry, rye whiskey when I'm dry,  
Greenbacks when I'm hard-up, and heaven when I die.**

**If the ocean was whiskey, and I was a duck,  
I would dive to the bottom to get one sweet sup.**

**But the ocean ain't whiskey, and I ain't no duck,  
So I'll play Jack Of Diamonds and try to change my luck.**

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