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Chords transcribed by Barry O'Brien

G **D** **G**
I drank sixteen doubles for the price of one.
C **D**
Trying to find the courage to talk to one.
C **G** **C** **G**
I asked her for a dance. Not a second glance
D
My night had just begun.

When I drink to the Father or the Holy Ghost.
I'm kneeling at the altar of my nightly post.
So I'll raise the glass. Not the first or last.
Come join me in this toast.

(Chorus)

D **G**
Because the old black rum's got a hold of me.
C **D**
Like a dog wrapped round my leg.
D **G**
And the old black rum's got a hold of me.
C **D** **Em** **C**
Well I live for another day, Hey.
C **D** **G**
Well I'll live for another day.

Well the queen of George Street just came walking on by.
Walking on by with some guy who don't care.
That she stood in line. Since half past nine.
And spent three hours on her hair (on her hair).
Her friend is looking at me with an evil grin.
I think a bloody wracked might soon begin.
I must have said something. To the George Street queen.
The boys are joining in.

(Chorus)

So I drank all of my money and I slept out in the rain.
Every day is different but the night are all the same.
You never see the sun. On the old black rum.
But you know I'm gonna do it again.

(Chorus X 2)