

Black Velvet Band

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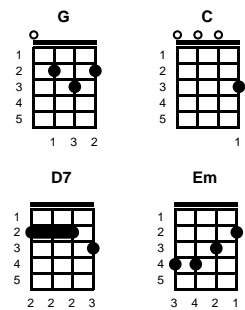
v1:

Well, in a neat little town they call Belfast, apprenticed to trade I was bound
 Many an hour's sweet happiness, have I spent in that neat little town
 A sad misfortune came over me, which caused me to stray from the land
 Far away from my friends and relations, betrayed by the black velvet band

chorus:

Her eyes they shone like diamonds, I thought her the queen of the land
 And her hair it hung over her shoulder, tied up with a black velvet band

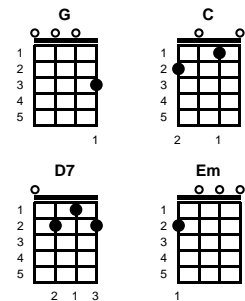
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v2:

I took a stroll down Broadway, meaning not long for to stay
 When who should I meet but this pretty fair maid, comes a tripping along the highway
 She was both fair and handsome, her neck it was just like a swan's
 And her hair it hung over her shoulder, tied up with a black velvet band
 -- CHORUS

BARITONE



v3:

I took a stroll with this pretty fair maid, and a gentleman passing us by
 Well I knew she meant the doom of him, by the look in her roguish black eyes
 A gold watch she took from his pocket, and placed it right into my hand
 And the very first thing that I said was bad luck to the black velvet band
 -- CHORUS

v4:

Before the judge and the jury, next morning I had to appear
 The judge he says to me: "Young man, your case it is proven clear
 We'll give you seven years penal servitude, to be spent far away from the land
 Far away from your friends and companions, betrayed by the black velvet band" -- CHORUS

v5:

So come all you jolly young fellows, a warning take by me
 When you are out on the town, me lads, beware of them pretty colleens
 For they feed you with strong drink, "Oh yeah", 'til you are unable to stand
 And the very next thing that you'll know, is you've landed in Van Diemen's Land -- CHORUS 2X

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