**Black Velvet Band (**Ronnie Drew, Luke Kelly, Barney Mac Kenna, Ciaran Bourke, John Sheehan**)**

 **C**

In a neat little town they call Belfast

 **F G**

Apprenticed to trade I was bound

 **C Am**

And many an hour of sweet happiness

 **F G C**

I've I spent in that neat little town

But a sad misfortune's come over me

Which caused me to stray from the land

Far away from me friends and companions

Betrayed by the black velvet band

**Chorus:**

 **C**

Her eyes they shone like diamonds

 **F G**

I thought her the queen of the land

 **C Am**

And her hair hung over her shoulder

 **F G C**

Tied up with a black velvet band

I took a stroll down Broadway

Intending not long for to stay

When who should I meet but this pretty fair maid

Come traipsing along the highway

She was both fair and handsome

Her neck it was white like a swan

And her hair hung down from her shoulders

Held up with a black velvet band

**(Chorus)**

I took a stroll with this pretty fair maid

Met a gentleman as he passed by

Sure, I knew she meant the doing of him

By the look in her roguish black eye

**BARITONE**

F

Am

C

G

A gold watch she took from his pocket

And placed it right into my hand

And the very first thing that I said was

"What's this?" to the black velvet band

**(Chorus)**

But before the Judge and the Jury

Next morning I had to appear

And the judge he says to me "Young man,

Your case it is proven and clear

I'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)**

So come all you jolly young fellows

A warning take from me

And if you go out on the town, me boys,

Beware of the pretty Colleens

They'll feed you with strong drink, my lads,

'Til you are unable to stand

And the very first thing that you'll know is

You've landed in Van Diemen’s Land

 **C**

Her eyes they shone like diamonds

 **F G**

I thought she was queen of the land

 **C Am**

Now I'm far from my friends and companions

 **F G C**

Betrayed by the black velvet band

Am

G

F

C