

**Black Velvet Band (Ronnie Drew, Luke Kelly, Barney Mac Kenna, Ciaran Bourke, John Sheehan)  
As performed by The Dubliners**

**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

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 Colleen's

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.

