

Black Velvet Band

Dubliners

In a neat [G]little town they call Belfast, [C]apprentice to [A7]trade I was [D7]bound
 An [G]Many an hours sweet [Em]happiness, have I [C]spent in that [D]neat little [G]town
 A sad misfortune came over me, [C]which caused [A7]me to stray from the [D7]land
 Far [G]away from me friends and [Em]relations, [C]betrayed by the [D]black velvet [G]band

Chorus:

[G]Her eyes they shone like diamonds, [C]I thought her the queen of the [D7]land
 And her [G]hair it hung over her [Em]shoulder, Tied [C]up with a [D]black velvet [G]band

[G]I took a stroll down Broadway, [C]meaning [A7]not long for to [D7]stay
 [G]When who should I meet but this [Em]pretty fair maid
 [C]come a-traipsing [D]along the [G]highway
 [G]She was both fair and handsome, [C]her neck it was [A7]just like a [D7]swan
 [G]And her hair it hung over her [Em]shoulder, [C]tied up with a [D]black velvet [G]band

Chorus

[G]I took a stroll with this pretty fair maid, [C]and a gentleman [A7]passing us [D7]by
 [G]Well I knew she meant the doing of [Em]him, [C]by the look in her [D]roguish black [G]eye
 [G]A gold watch she took from his pocket, and [C]placed it right [A7]in to my [D7]hand
 [G]And the very first thing that I said [Em]was, [C]bad 'cess to the [D]black velvet [G]band

-Chorus-

[G]Before the judge and the jury, [C]next morning I [A7]had to [D7]appear
 [G]The judge, he says to me: [Em] "Young man, [C]your case [D]it is proven [G]clear
 [G]We'll give you seven years penal servitude, to be [C]spent far [A7]away from the [D7]land
 [G]Far away from your friends and [Em]relations, [C]betrayed by the [D]black velvet [G]band"

-Chorus-

[G]So come all you jolly young fellows [C]a warning [A7]take by [D7]me
 [G]When you are out on the town me [Em]lad, [C]beware of the [D]pretty [G]colleens
 [G]they'll feed you with strong drink, Me lads, [C]'til you are [A7]unable to [D7]stand
 [G]And the very first thing that you'll know [Em]is, you've [C]landed in [D]Van Diemens [G]Land

Outro Chorus:

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