

Black Velvet Band

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Well, in a neat little town they call Belfast

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Apprentice to trade I was bound

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Em

Many an hour's sweet happiness

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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

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

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

I took a stroll with this pretty fair maid

And a gentleman passing us by

Well I knew she meant the doing of him

By the look in her roguish black eye

A goldwatch she took from his pocket

And placed it right in to my hand

And the very first thing that I said was

Bad luck to the black velvet band

Chorus

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 faraway from the land
Far away from your friends and relations,
betrayed by the black velvet band"

Chorus

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 Diemens Land.

Chorus