Black Velvet Band

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In a **[C]** neat little town they call Belfast Ap-**[C]**prenticed to trade I was **[G]** bound And **[C]** many an hour of sweet **[Am]** happiness I **[F]** spent in that **[G]** neat little **[C]** town Till **[C]** bad misfortune came o'er me And **[C]** caused me to stray from the **[G]** land Far a-**[C]**way from me friends and re-**[Am]**lations Be-**[F]**trayed by the **[G]** black velvet **[C]** band

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Well **[C]** I was out strollin' one evening Not **[C]** meanin' to go very **[G]** far When I **[C]** met with a ficklesome **[Am]** damsel She was **[F]** sellin' her **[G]** trade in the **[C]** bar When a **[C]** watch she took from a customer And **[C]** slipped it right into me **[G]** hand Then the **[C]** law came and put me in **[Am]** prison Bad **[F]** luck to her **[G]** black velvet **[C]** band

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This **[C]** mornin' before judge and jury For **[C]** trial I had to ap-**[G]**pear Then the **[C]** judge, he says "Me young **[Am]** fellow The **[F]** case against **[G]** you is quite **[C]** clear And **[C]** seven long years is your sentence You're **[C]** going to Van Diemen's **[G]** Land Far a-**[C]**way from your friends and re-**[Am]**lations Be-**[F]**trayed by the **[G]** black velvet **[C]** band"

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So come **[C]** all ye jolly young fellows I'll **[C]** have you take warnin' by **[G]** me And when-**[C]**ever you're out on the **[Am]** liquor me lads Be-**[F]**ware of the **[G]** pretty col-**[C]**leens For they'll **[C]** fill you with whiskey and porter Till **[C]** you are not able to **[G]** stand And the **[C]** very next thing that you **[Am]** know me lads You've **[F]** landed in **[G]** Van Diemen's **[C]** Land **[C]**

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