**Black Velvet Band (Traditional, Adapted by Will Millar)**

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| **Intro (Last Two Lines of Chorus): C Am Dm G C**  **Chorus:**  **C**  Her eyes they shone like the diamonds.  **C D G**  You'd think she was Queen of the Land.  **C Am**  And her hair hung over her shoulders,  **Dm G C**  Tied up with a Black Velvet Band. |  |  |  |
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**C**

1. In a neat little town they call Belfast,

**C Dm G**

Ap-prenticed to trade I was bound.

**C Am**

And many’s an hour sweet happiness,

**Dm G C**

I spent in that neat little town.

**C**

Till bad misfortune came o’er me

**C Dm G**

That caused me to stray from the land.

**C Am**

Far a-way from me friends and re-lations

**Dm G C**

To follow the Black Velvet Band. **Chorus.**

**C**

2. Well, I was out strolling one evening,

**C Dm G**

Not meaning to go very far.

**C Am**

When I met with a frolicsome damsel

**Dm G C**

A-selling her trade in the bar.

**C**

When a watch she took from a customer,

**C Dm G**

And slipped it right into my hand.

**C Am**

Then the law came and put me in prison,

**Dm G C**

Bad luck to her Black Velvet Band. **Chorus.**

**C**

3. Next mornin' before judge and jury,

**C Dm G**

Her trial I had to ap-pear.

**C Am**

And the judge he says, 'Me young fellow,

**Dm G C**

The case against you is quite clear.

**C**

And seven long years is your sentence,

**C G**

You're going to Van Diemen’s Land.\*

**C Am**

Far a-way from your friends and re-lations

**Dm G C**

To follow the Black Velvet Band.' **Chorus.**

**C**

4. So, come all ye jolly young fellows,

**C Dm G**

I'll have you take warnin' by me.

**C Am**

And when-ever you're into the liquor, me lads,

**Dm G C**

Be-ware of the pretty Colleen.

**C**

For they'll fill you with whiskey and porter,

**C Dm G**

Til you are not able to stand.

**C Am**

And the very next thing that you know, me lads,

**Dm G C**

You've landed in Van Diemen’s Land. **Chorus (2x)**

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