Black Velvet Band (Key G) - Circa 1800s
artist - The Dubliners, writer - Traditional

Strumming Pattern - Down Up, Down Up, Down   Time Signature - 3/4
Introduction - [G] [Am] [D] [G]

In a neat [G] little town they called Belfast, Apprentice to [C] trade I was [D] bound,
And [G] many an hour's sweet happiness, Have I [Am] spent in that [D] neat little [G] town,
A sad misfortune came over me, Which caused me to [C] stray from the [D] land,
Far away [G] from me friends and relations, Betrayed [Am] by the [D] black velvet [G] band.

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

I took a stroll down broadway, Meaning not long [C] for to [D] stay,
When who [G] should I meet but this pretty fair maid,
Come a-[Am]traipsing [D] along the [G] highway,
She was both fair and handsome, Her neck, it was [C] just like a [D] swan,
And her [G] hair, it hung over her shoulder, Tied [Am] up with a [D] black velvet [G] band.

Chorus

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

So come all you jolly young fellows, A warning [C] take by [D] me,
When you [G] are out on the town, me boys, Beware [Am] of the [D] pretty [G] colleens,
They'll feed you with strong drink, me lads, 'Til you are [C] unable to [D] stand,
And the [G] very first thing that you'll know is, You've [Am] landed in [D] Van Diemens [G] Land.

Repeat chorus ending [G↓]