

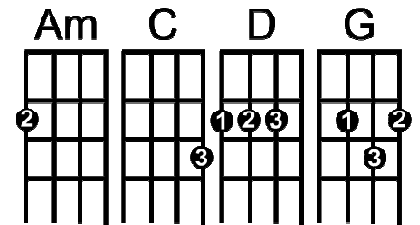
BLACK VELVET BAND - Traditional

Intro: Last 2 lines of chorus: [G] [Am] [D] [G]

1. In a [G] neat little town they call Belfast, apprenticed to [C] trade I was [D] bound,
[G] Many an hour sweet happiness have I [Am] spent in that [D] neat little [G] town.
'Till a sad misfortune came o'er me, and caused me to [C] stray from the [D] land.
Far a [G] way from my friends and relations,
Be[Am]trayed by the [D] black velvet [G] band.

Chorus:

*Her [G] eyes they shone 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.*



2. I [G] took a stroll down Broadway, meaning not [C] long for to [D] stay,
When [G] who should I meet but this pretty fair maid,
Come a [Am] traipsing a [D] long the high [G] way.
She was both fair and handsome, her neck it was [C] just like a [D] swan's.
And her [G] hair, it hung over her shoulder,
Tied [Am] up with a [D] black velvet [G] band. *Chorus*

3. I [G] 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 [C] right into my [D] hand,
And the [G] very first thing that I said was:
"Bad [Am] luck to the [D] black velvet [G] band". *Chorus*

4. Be[G]fore the judge and the jury next morning I [C] had to [D] appear.
The [G] judge he says to me, "Young fellow,
The [Am] case against [D] you is quite [G] clear.
Seven long years is your sentence, to be spent far a [C] way from this [D] land,
Far [G] away from your friends and relations,
Be[Am]trayed by the [D] black velvet [G] band. *Chorus*

5. So [G] come all you jolly young fellows a [C] warning take by [D] me
When [G] you are out on the town me lads,
Beware [Am] of them [D] pretty [G] colleens
For they feed you with strong drink, "Oh yeah", 'til you're un[C]able to [D] stand
And the [G] very next thing that you'll know is
You've [Am] landed in [D] Van Diemens [G] Land *Chorus*