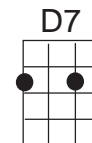


Black Velvet Band Various Artists including The Dubliners (1967)

INTRO G /// Am D G (as last line of chorus)

INSTRUMENTAL

G /// / C D7 / G /// Am D7 G
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G C D7
 1) In a neat little town they call Belfast, apprenticed to trade I was bound
 G Am D7 G
 And many an hour's sweet happiness have I spent in that neat little town.
 G C D7
 Till a sad misfortune came over me, and caused me to stray from the land
 G Am D7 G
 Far away from my friends and relations, betrayed by the black velvet band.

CHORUS

G	C	D7
Her eyes they shone like diamonds, I thought her the queen of the land,		
G	Am	D7 G
And her hair it hung over her shoulder, tied up in a black velvet band.		

G C D7
 2) I took a stroll down Broadway, meaning not long for to stay
 G Am D7 G
 When who should I meet but this pretty fair maid. come a-traipsing along the highway.
 G C D7
 She was both fair and handsome, her neck was white like a swan's,
 G Am D7 G
 And her hair it hung over her shoulder, tied up in a black velvet band.

CHORUS :

G C D7
 3) I took a stroll with this pretty fair maid, and a gentleman passing us by
 G Am D7 G
 Well, I knew she meant the doing of him, by the look in her roguish black eye.
 G C D7
 A gold watch she took from his pocket, and placed it right into my hand,
 G Am D7 G
 And the very first thing that I said was: "Bad luck to the black velvet band."

CHORUS :

G C D7
 4) Before the judge and the jury, next morning I had to appear
 G Am D7 G
 The judge he says to me, "Young man, your case it is proven clear.
 G C D7
 I'll give seven years penal servitude, to be spent far away from the land,
 G Am D7 G
 Far away from your friends and relations, betrayed by the black velvet band

CHORUS :

G C D7
 5) So come all you jolly young fellows, a warning take from me
 G Am D7 C
 When you are out on the town, me lads, beware of them pretty colleens
 G C D7
 They'll fill you full of strong drink O Yeah, until you're unable to stand
 G Am D7 G
 And the very next thing you'll know is, you've landed in Van Diemen's Land
 (Slowing on last line)