

# The Black Velvet Band

The Irish Rovers

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You'd think she was queen of the land,  
And her hair hung over her shoulders,  
Tied up with a black velvet band.

In a neat little town they call Belfast, apprentice to  
trade I was bound.  
And many an hour of sweet happiness I spent in that  
neat little town.  
But bad misfortune came o'er me, and caused me to stray  
from the land  
Far away from my friends and relations. They follow the  
black velvet band.

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Well, I went out strolling one evening, not meaning to  
go very far,  
When I met with a frolicksome damsel. She was selling  
her trade in the bar.  
A watch she took from a customer, and slipped it right  
into my hand.  
Then the law came and put me in prison.  
Bad luck to her black velvet band!

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Next morning, before judge and jury, for trial I had to  
appear.  
And the judge, he said "my young fellow, the case  
against you is quite clear.  
And seven long years is your sentence. You're going to  
Van Diemen's Land,  
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Now, come all ye jolly young fellows, I'll have you  
take warning by me.  
And whenever you're out on the liquor, my lads, beware  
of the pretty colleens.  
For they'll fill you with whiskey and porter, til you  
are not able to stand.  
And the very next thing that you know, my lads, you've  
landed in Van Diemen's  
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