

Black Velvet Band

Misc Traditional

Chords in brackets () are optional, just a more detailed accompaniment

There is no one right key to do this in, these are just in my opinion the best chords. use a capo on whatever fret you like to suit your or a singer's voice.

There are also many different versions of the lyrics to this song, this is just one of them. once you know the chords, get the lyrics to which ever one you prefer.

3|2|0|0|0|3 **G**
x|3|2|0|1|0 **C**
0|2|2|0|0|0 **Em**
x|x|0|2|3|2 **D**
x|2|4|4|3|2 **Bm**
x|0|2|2|1|0 **Am**

Chorus:

G (C) **G** **Em** (C) **D**
Her eyes, they shone like diamonds. You'd think she was Queen of the land...
G (Bm) **Em** **Am** **D** **G**
With her hair thrown over her shoulders, tied up with a black velvet band.

G (C) **G** **Em** (C) **D**
Twas in the town of Tralee, apprenticed to trade I was bound
G (Bm) **Em** **Am** **D** **G**
With plenty of bright amusement to see the days going round. Til
G (C) **G** **Em** (C) **D**
Misfortune and trouble came o'er me which caused me to stray from the land
G (Bm) **Em** **Am** **D** **G**
Far away from my friends and relations, to follow the Black Velvet Band

[Chorus]

G (C) **G** **Em** (C) **D**
As I went walking down Broadway, not intending to stay very long
G (Bm) **Em** **Am** **D** **G**
I met with a frolicsome damsel, as she came tripping along
G (C) **G** **Em** (C) **D**
I took a stroll with this pretty fair maid, and a gentleman passing us by
G (Bm) **Em** **Am** **D** **G**
I knew she meant a-doing for him by the look in her roguish black eye

[Chorus]

G (C) **G** **Em** (C) **D**
A watch she pulled from his pocket, and slipped it right onto my hand
G (Bm) **Em** **Am** **D** **G**

On the very first day that I met her, bad luck to the Black Velvet Band

G (C) **G** **Em** (C) **D**
Before judge and the jury next morning, the both of us had to appear

G (Bm) **Em** **Am** **D** **G**
And a gentleman swore to the jewelry, and the case against us was clear

G (C) **G** **Em** (C) **D**
Seven long years transportation, right down into Van Dieman s Land

G (Bm) **Em** **Am** **D** **G**
Far away from my friends and relations, betrayed by the Black Velvet Band

G (C) **G** **Em** **C** **D**
So all you brave young fellas, a warning you take now from me

G (Bm) **Em** **Am** **D** **G**
Beware of the pretty young damsels, beware of the pretty coleens

G (C) **G** **Em** **C** **D**
They ll treat you to whiskey and porter, until you re unable to stand, and

G (Bm) **Em** **Am** **D** **G**
Before you have time for to leave them, you re banished to Van Dieman s Land

[Chorus]