

# THE BLACK VELVET BAND

Handwritten musical notation for guitar, showing notes and fingerings:

D' | (D') D' | B C D' | C (B) (B) | A G A B | G F E | (D) D D' C |  
 5 | 5 5 | 1 2 5 | 2 1 TIE | 2 3 2 1 | 3 4 5 | 6 TIE | 5 2 |  
 (B) B | D E F | (G) A | (B) G | A B C | F G A | (G) (G) |  
 1 1 | 6 5 4 | 3 2 | 1 3 | 2 1 2 | 4 3 2 | 3 TIE

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A tragic song about Van Dieman's Land named after the Dutchman who discovered it. Many people were transported there by the British often for petty crimes causing life long misery for families and lovers.

Musical score for voice and guitar with lyrics:

Her eyes they sh — one like dia — monds. — you'd think she was  
 queen of the land — with her hair thrown o — ver her sho — ul —  
 ders, tied up with a black vel — vet band, —

As I went walking down Broadway; Not intending to stay very long  
I met with a frolicksome damsel, As she came, tripping along.

A watch she pulled out of her pocket, And slipped it right into my hand  
On the very first day that I met her, Bad luck to the black velvet band.

Before judge and jury next morning, Both of us did appear  
A gentleman claimed his jewellery, And the case against us was clear.

Seven long years transportation, Right down to "Van Dieman's Land"  
Faw away from my friends and companions, Betrayed by the black velvet band.



George's Street, Templemore, Co. Tipperary.

FOR TRANSPOSING KEYS

C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C