

The Black Velvet Band

Ireland

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1. Her eyes they shone like diamonds, you'd think she was queen of the land, with her

hair hung over her shoulder tied up with a black velvet band.

2. As I went walking down Broadway, not intending to stay very long,
I met with a frolicsome damsel as she came a-tripping along.
3. 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 for the black velvet band.
4. Before judge and jury next morning both of us did appear,
a gentleman claimed his jewelry, and the case against us was clear.
5. Seven long years transportation right down to Van Dieman's land,
far away from my friends and relations, a curse on the black velvet band.