

# The Tale Of Solomon Snell

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Listen if you will, I have a tale to tell  
Of an unfortunate man, the name of Solomon Snell  
And the philosophy he should have embraced  
That says no matter what you do, you'll never be safe

Ring the bell, ring the bell for Solomon Snell  
Too much trust is the road to hell

Rightfully nervous, he took every precaution  
He paid three armed men to drive him to Boston  
But wouldn't you know it, he was broke on arrival  
His own men robbed him and took off in style

So he wanted to marry a girl who was true  
And on the basis of her name he would fidelity prove  
She had a handsome cousin she would visit in Charlotte  
Well, she said he was her cousin, the brazen harlot

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He played it safe and it didn't end well  
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He caught yellow fever, down Charleston way  
Before you knew it, they were digging his grave  
But he was most terrified of being buried alive  
And so to his finger a bell was tied

You see Snell had arranged for a man to be paid  
To listen for the bell when he was buried in his grave  
But the man got drunk and when the bell did sound  
Solomon lived but he stayed in the ground

No one heard a sound

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You can play it safe but it won't end well

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