

The Coffin Makers

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*We'll make you a coffin; we'll make you a coffin
Make one for a dunce or for a boffin
If it's deal or if it's teak, give us the best part of a week
And we'll knock, we'll knock, we'll knock you up a coffin*

Now, we're a couple of carpenters, we've a workshop of our own
You can even call us on the electric telephone
The policeman's got his truncheon, the king has got his throne:
I've an 'ammer; I've a saw and we make coffins

*We'll make you a coffin; we'll make you a coffin
While all the folks around, their hats are doffin'
If it's deal or if it's teak, give us the best part of a week
And we'll knock, we'll knock, we'll knock you up a coffin*

P'rhaps you hadn't a table, when you sat down to eat
P'rhaps you hadn't a chair at night, to ease your aching feet,
But when you're dead you know your life just wouldn't be complete
Without a brand-new shiny wooden coffin

*We'll make you a coffin; we'll make you a coffin
Smart enough to stop the neighbours scoffin'
If it's deal or if it's teak, give us the best part of a week
And we'll knock, we'll knock, we'll knock you up a coffin*

Once a long, long time ago, we were visited by a swell
He said, "Don't you get queasy thinking you'll end up there yourself?
I answered, "No", and just last week, we buried him as well,
In one of our brand-new shiny wooden coffins

*We'll make you a coffin; we'll make you a coffin
One that's good enough to bury a toff in
If it's deal or if it's teak, give us the best part of a week
And we'll knock, we'll knock, we'll knock you up a coffin*

We really think our craftsmanship should be on display
It's better than that Banksy, out Port Talbot way
But you'll never see our handicraft in the 'V & A'
We're the original underground artists, we make coffins

*We'll make you a coffin; we'll make you a coffin
One without a woodworm or a moth in
If it's deal or if it's teak, give us the best part of a week
And we'll knock, we'll knock, we'll knock you up a coffin*

*We'll make you a coffin; we'll make you a coffin
Make the wooden box they carry you off in
If it's deal or if it's teak, give us the best part of a week
And we'll knock, we'll knock, we'll knock,
Knock, we'll knock, we'll knock,
Knock, we'll knock, we'll knock you up a coffin*