

NEVER TRUST A BOWLER

(No, not the original version!)

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**Hearken, all you ladies, and listen unto me,
You must never trust a bowler, whatever age he be.
So watch out for your daughters, when you visit Inverloch,
If they venture near that bowls club, turn the key and lock the lock.**

**Randy as a sailor who's been a year at sea,
Never let a bowler's hand an inch above your knee.
The blushing Invy bowler may seem shy and quite aloof
But the fire's still burning down below, 'tho there's snow up on the roof.**

**Yes, some have snowy thatches, others none at all,
But be watchful and alert, and keep your backs towards the wall,
Steer clear of ageing bowlers; these men are full of lies,
Especially when, with bowls in hand, they approach with downcast eyes.**

**Be wary if one asks you if you would like to play,
Especially if he's charming, and drinking chardonnay
And alarm bells should start ringing, if he invites you to his home
To meet his dear old Mum he says, when you know he's home alone.**

**If ever one should ask you out, to join him on the greens,
Ask him, there and then, exactly what he means;
Is it a game of bowls he has in mind,
And if you're unsure of his intentions - the offer's best declined.**

**And say 'absolutely not' if he invites you to check out his favourite bowl,
But if you agree - take this from me - he'll invite you to a roll.
And a roll might not mean a sausage roll, nor the one a hot dog holds
But the saucy sav' and sausage, as his evil plan unfolds.**

**Old bowlers may look harmless, but they're a dangerous breed,
Whether mighty skip with lots of lip, or humble, bumble lead.
So - Ladies, do be careful, and be well warned by me,
You should never trust a bowler, whatever age he be.**

**Some of them may seem benign, just like your fav'rite uncle,
But beneath that smooth facade could be - a festering carbuncle,
So keep him at arm's length if you value name and honour;
If you give a bowler half a chance, I warn you - you're a goner.**

**So, Darlings, do be careful, and repeat this after me:
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