

The Newsflesh Temperance Union

Lyrics: Gary McGath, Copyright 2016

Music: Gary McGath, "The Alternate World Temperance Union"

Explanation: In Mira Grant's Newsflesh trilogy, it's mandatory to burn all bodies as soon as they've died, because otherwise they'll turn into zombies.

A funeral director yesterday was arrested,
For he wasn't burning bodies as he should.
The result, as terrified witnesses have attested,
Was none of them were staying dead for good.
They were shambling down the street and spreading terror,
Killing people and then eating up their brains.
So I'm telling you not to make that foolish error:
Say no to coffins, or you'll die in pain!

Give thanks for the day our leaders outlawed coffins.
If they hadn't, just imagine where we'd be.
Zombies would attack at every fun'ral,
So join us in making America coffin-free!

Some people insist that coffins should be legal
In spite of the horrors we would surely see,
But if you have the intelligence of a beagle
You know that would lead us to catastrophe.
You'd see people staring mindlessly every morning,
And not just because they hadn't had a cup.
So listen to what I say, and heed this warning:
The war on coffins is one we can't give up!

Give thanks for the day our leaders outlawed coffins.
If they hadn't, just imagine where we'd be.
Our neighbors all would be illegal zombies.
So join us in making America coffin-free!

If we should neglect to get the pyres started,
We'd set our nation on an undead course.
Our homes would be besieged by the departed,
And graveyards would be battlegrounds or worse.
If they should lay out heroes for observation,
The mourners would be in for a surprise.
Instead they should perform acts of cremation
To make sure that no problems will arise.

Give thanks for the day our leaders outlawed coffins.
If they hadn't, just imagine where we'd be.
Why, next week they might legalize taxidermy. (*Spoken: Trigger warning!*)
So join us in making America coffin-free!