

Shell Game

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How many times in the lonely night
Someone you'd like to know passed you by
With heartfelt words a chance to speak
But two ladies down the street

Cast off that shell
Don't resist the unknown
Your understandin' is open-handed
Hold it closed and you're alone

Shame ourselves with petty games
Bill folds swells with tight remains
To find a road that leads someplace
When we fasten it everyday

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To stand naked for the sun
Well that's the ends of everyone
To be old is to be free
To enclosed as a channel be

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So don't you wait until you're stranded
Ask somebody to throw a hand in
Just a ditty in 3/4 patterns
Shackle games in high form matter

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