ARFARFANARK: UNDER THE AFLUENCE OF INCOHOL

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Paul Dickson’s marvelous book Drunk: The Definitive Drinker’s Dictionary (MelvilleHouse 2009), contains an amazing 2954 synonyms for the work “drunk”, a considerable enlargement of the 228 terms listed by Benjamin Franklin in his 1737 Drinker’s Dictionary. I celebrate its riches with the following bit of doggerel, written exclusively with his terminology:

Marinated, Lubricated, Toxicated, Pifflicated
Saturated, Stimulated, Spifflicated, Inflammatied

Pissy-eyed, Pants-Shittin’, Snot Flyin’ Drunk
Dog-Sucking, Cop-Sluggin’, Larruping Drunk

Keyed to the roof
At peace with the floor
Ten feet tall and bullet proof
Not in Kansas anymore

Sank like a brick, like a rock, like a stone
Loaded with firewater, laid to the bone
Talking to Ralph on the big white phone

Crocko, Incognito, Blotto
Soako, Stinko, Santa’s grotto
Sloppo, Reek-ho, Pizzicato

Zombified, Mullet-eyed, Petrified, Owly-eyed
Vitrified, Goo-goo eyed, Kentucky fried, Bollock-eyed

Off my woo
Inkypoo
Boogaloo
Tickeyboo

Belted the grape
Boiled out of shape

Lit up like a firefly, a lantern, high mass
Cooked to the gills (and) Cookin’ with gas
Off the deep end, off my ringer, your ass

Full as a fiddler, a flea (or) a boot
Drunk as a monkey, a mouse (or) a coot
Pissed as a parrot, a pig (or) a newt