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Alcohol, oh Alcohol! How I love your charming play.
Alcohol, oh Alcohol! You'd never lead your children astray.
Your bitter sweet flavors enhancing my night.
All the while filling me with indifference to my plight!

Alcohol, oh Alcohol! Your embrace warms my soul.
Alcohol, oh Alcohol! Life itself instills your important role.
Care & worry melt away in your streams.
Bringing confidence & elation to new extremes.

Alcohol, oh Alcohol! Why, oh why must you fool me so?
Alcohol, oh Alcohol! Tossing my inhibitions to & fro!
False promises are made within the Heart & Mind.
"Charlatan of Joy" you have been defined!

Alcohol, oh Alcohol! Our struggle is solely contrite.
Alcohol, oh Alcohol! Fires our friendship did ignite.
Leaving smoldering foundations for scrutiny to build.
Sobriety exposed to thoughts that must be distilled.

Alcohol, oh Alcohol! Ours is a bond for life.
Alcohol, oh Alcohol! Without you, I couldn't bear the strife.
Equal disdain from our own standpoints is expected.
Without you to quaff, life wouldn't be so reflective.