Winter Cocktails 2012: Lascivious Pleasing

"Now is the winter of our discontent/Made glorious summer by this sun of York,/And all the clouds that lour'd upon our house/In the deep bosom of the ocean buried…/Grim-visaged War hath smoothed his wrinkled front,/And now, instead of mounting barbed steeds/To fright the souls of fearful adversaries,/ He capers nimbly in a lady's chamber/To the lascivious pleasing of a lute."

- Richard, Richard III, Ii

Spirits of another sort

"But we are spirits of a different sort:/I with the morning's love have oft made sport,/And, like a forester, the groves may tread/Even till the eastern gate, all fiery red/Opening on Neptune with fair blessed beams, /Turns into yellow gold his salt green strams."

-Oberon, A Midsummer Night's Dream, IIiii

Grappa, Yellow Chartreuse, Green pepper jelly, lemon, Orange Bitters

Embark-ed Traders

"*…And, in the spiced Indian air, by night/Full often hath she gossiped by my side,/ And sat with me on Neptune's yellow sands,/Marking the embark'ed traders on the flood…"*

-Titania, A Midsummer Night's Dream, IIi

Gin, Damson Plum Liqueur, Blanc Vermouth, Chardonnay Eau de Vie, ginger tincture, cardamom tincture

Thieves of Mercy

"…Ere we were two days old/ at sea, a pirate of very warlike appointment gave us/chase. Finding ourselves too slow of sail, we put on/A compell'ed valour, and in the grapple I boarded/them:on the instant they got clear our ship; so/I alone became their prisoner. They have dealt with me as thieves of mercy…"

-Horatio (reading Hamlet's letter), Hamlet, IVvi

El Dorado 5 yr, Black Walnut liqueur, Carrot Juice, Fleur de sel, brown sugar, Lemon

Flames of Troy

"…I, as Aeneas, our great ancestor/Did from the flames of Troy upon his shoulder/The old Anchises bear, so from the wives of Tiber /Did I the tired Caesar…"

-Cassius, Julius Caesar, Iiii

Bourbon, Roi Rene Rouge, Zucca Amaro, Peach/white wine shrub, Cinnamon dram, Demerara sugar, ginger beer:

The Arms of York

"…Then will I hold aloft the milk-white rose,/With whose sweet smell the air shall be perfumed;/And in my standard bear the arms of York…"

-Richard, Duke of York, Henry IV Pt II, Ii

Vodka, Orange Curacao, Meyer Lemon Curd, Narcissus bitters, Vanilla tincture, Lemon, sugar

The Bigger Light

"…When thou comest first,/Thou strokedst me and madest much of me, wouldst give me/Water with berries in't and teach me how/To name the bigger light, and how the less,/that burn by day and night…"

-Caliban, The Tempest, Iii

Blanco tequila, Meletti Amaro, Grapefruit Marmalade, Raspberry/Champagne Shrub, star anise tincture, sugar

Impudent Sauciness

"My lord, I will not undergo this sneap without reply. You call honourable boldness impudent sauciness…"

-Falstaff, Henry IV Part II, IIi

Rye, Spiced poached pear, red wine syrup, cinnamon dram , barrel-aged aromatic bitters, lemon, honey

A Two-fold Operation

"…A good sherries-sack hath/a two-fold operation in it…"

-Falstaff, Henry IV Part II, IViii

Genever, Calvados, Benedictine liqueur, Oloroso Sherry, angostura bitters