Ethel Waters "At the New Jump Steady Ball"

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Note: We are very unsure of many of these words, but the song is too good to leave out!***]

(Delaney - Easton)

Now the Jump Steady Club, They gave a ball, And it was held down at the New Hope Hall; All the bootleggers in the town, Why, they brought that stuff steady along; [?] People came from far and near, To taste the different mixtures that they handled there; When the jazz band struck up, You'd be surprised; Everybody in the hall was google-eyed;

They started serving me gin and wine, And everything in wood alcohol line, Chicago pop and all, I declare, All kinds of hair tonic went around with the dance; You make a tincture mixed with turpentine, With black molasses made it stupifying; Extract of lemon and ginger ale, Mixes great with shoe polish And you're bound for jail; Copasetic was the password for one and all, At the New Jump Steady Ball!

About twelve o'clock I was feeling fine, To tell the truth, I was out of my mind; But just before I lost my head, I saw them carry six men out dead! They walked out the window, in the air, They called for music, but no jazz band was there; Yet everybody there was pleasure bent; You could get paralyzed for fifteen cents.

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