

Kathy Mar "Quetzalcoatl"

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Time Winds Tavern (1985)

Quetzalcoatl had a skin all green and mottled
And it stayed that way through all the skins he shed.
And though he had a silver tongue
Nobody could stop laughing
Long enough to even hear the things he said.
So he decided that a feather coat would do the trick
And whether that was wise or not he set rght out to get
it.
He connived a spider into spinning him a silken chicken
skin
And doing it for nothing - so he let it.

And he was slick
Yes he was slick
He could hide in your clothing
And even you would miss the place he hid.

And he could talk
He talked so slick
Well, they say that he could talk
The feathers off a chicken...
And he did!

Quetzalcoatl took a very fancy bottle
Of the finest liquer to the chicken farm.
And he kept that rooster drinkin'
'til the feathers started thinkin'
It was warm enough to do his body harm.
And then he offered sweetly
To replace their feathers neatly
With the lightest coat of spider silk around.
He got those plumes together
And he made himself a feather skin
And slithered off in bliss along the ground.

And he was slick
Yes he was slick
He could hide in your clothing
And even you would miss the place he hid.

And he could talk

He talked so slick
Well, they say that he could talk
The feathers off a chicken...
And he did!

Why, he was so slick,
They used him for an Air Hockey table!

He's been banned with twelve miles
Of the California coast!

Why do you think they call it
"Snake Oil?"

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