

I Like to Be a Handyman

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Oh, I like to be a handyman, a handyman I am
I like to fix the homestead up whenever I can
I like to rake the garden, like to pull up all the weeds
Like to give the domicile anything it needs.

But sometimes there are things to do I just can't seem to manage.
It's good to know a few quick tips to minimize the damage:

Don't drink and mow, whatever you do
Don't drink and mow
You can drink some mo' but then don't mow

Don't mow and drink, whatever you think
Don't mow and drink
When you're done your wife might raise a stink

I like to solder sneaky circuits and connect crafty conduits
I like to wire walls without procuring proper permits
I stick screwdrivers into sockets without pulling fuses
I go up like a rocket and get bruises on my bruises
But sometimes when I think I've got a little over my head
I remember just a few quick tips in a book that I once read:

Don't drink and wire, whatever you do
Don't drink and wire
You can drink 'til you're lit, but then just sit

Don't wire and drink, whatever you think
Don't wire and drink
You'll find your lights are on the blink

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One night when I was all alone and wife was with her mother
I had myself a jar or two and then I had another
I made myself a sandwich of fresh spam and Velveeta
And then I went a-looking for my eighteen volt Makita
I set to work without a pause; I drilled and drilled and drilled
But when my wife came home again she was somewhat less than
thrilled

Don't drink and drill, whatever you do
Don't drink and drill
You can drink your fill but then don't drill

Don't drill and drink, whatever you think
Don't drill and drink
You'll permanently perforate the kitchen sink.

If there's a moral to this tale, it's one of sober fixing
Don't let yourself confuse that booze and screws can bear much mixing
Hard work on those sunny days leaves one with quite a thirst
But thirst leads to repairs you can't reverse.
In your tool box there are screws of every length and description
But in an addled state you'd best remember my proscription:

Don't drink and screw, whatever you do
Don't drink and screw
You can drink 'til you're blue, but don't you screw

Don't screw and drink, whatever you think
Don't screw and drink
You'll have to buy your wife a brand new mink.