

Candid Camera:  
Kelly Bennett

I can't imagine cheese made without rennet  
Or picture West Carolina lacking Kelly Bennett.  
His drugstore serves sandwiches, he himself rolls pills  
And he is leading sponsor of "Unto These Hills".

Speaking of hills, with his wife he sits pretty  
On a beautiful eminence overlooking Bryson City.  
When I sit at her table, eat her biscuits with honey  
I wonder why he comes to Raleigh- it surely ain't money

That fetches him down to help make our laws;  
I 'low he runs for Legislature mostly because  
He's in the habit of using with flat-country folks,  
And sometimes west of Asheville one runs out of new jokes.

Too, he's interested in things requiring some plannin'  
And doesn't basket all his eggs with Harry Buchanan.  
Oh, I've known Kelly Bennett for thirty-odd years;  
He takes counsel with hope and not with his fears.

A great reader of state papers, he always has been  
And he does his own briefing, if you see what I mean.  
I wish North Carolina would once elect senate  
With a majority of members the size of Kelly Bennett.

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