Definitions starting with K

kinny-kinny

[evidently from a now obs, form kin skin (DJE idem)+ —y diminutive or archaic creole suffix (cf. '-EE); cf. current Skinny, skinny, you know me—I gon hag tonight (Eleu.); cf. DJE kin-oul from skin owl, a witch or hige, believed to shed her skin by night, take the form of an owl, and fly out to suck people's blood] phr, chant sung by a witch returning to her skin: 1918 Kinny, kinny, don' you know me? (Parsons 41, noting that this formula was also found in South Carolina; a "rationalized" Bahamian equivalent, kitty-katty, is found on the same page). (Gen.)

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