

## Insults From *King Lear* And *The Taming of the Shrew*

"Thou art a boil, a plague-sore or embossed carbuncle in my corrupted blood"  
-Lear to Goneril

[I know thee for] "A knave, a rascal, an eater of broken meats...nothing but the composition of a knave, beggar, coward, pander, and the son and heir of a mongrel bitch" -Kent to Oswald

"O villain, villain...abhorred villain! Unnatural, detested, brutish villain! Worse than brutish!" -Gloucester

"What a brazened-faced varlet art thou" -Kent

"Milk-livered man" -Goneril to Albany

"See thyself devil! Proper deformity (shows) not in the fiend so horrid as in a woman" -Albany to Goneril

"Shut your mouth, dame, or with this paper shall I (stopple) it" -Albany to Goneril

"Faith, as you say, there's small choice in rotten apples." -Horatio

"Asses are made to bear, and so are you." -Katarina

"A whoreson beetle-headed, flap-ear'd knave!" -Petruccio

"A witty mother! witless else her son" -Katarina

"Katarina the curst! A title for a maid of all titles the worst." -Gremio

"I know she is an irksome brawling scold" -Petruccio

"From all such devils, good Lord deliver us!" -Hortensia

"I say, a devil. Thinkest thou, Hortensio, though her father be very rich, any man is so very a fool to be married to hell?" -Gremio