

Kent's Rant

King Lear, Act II, scene 2

A knave¹, a rascal², an eater of broken meats³, a base⁴, proud⁵, shallow⁶, beggarly⁷, three-suited⁸, hundred-pound⁹, filthy worsted-stocking knave¹⁰, a lily-livered¹¹, action-taking¹², whoreson¹³, glass-gazing¹⁴, super-serviceable¹⁵, finical rogue¹⁶: one-trunk-inheriting slave¹⁷: one that wouldst be a bawd in way of good service¹⁸, and art nothing but the composition of a knave¹⁹, beggar²⁰, coward²¹, pandar²², and the son and heir of a mongrel bitch²³: one whom I will beat into clamorous whining if thou deniest the least syllable of thy addition²⁴.