GONERIL
195 Not only, sir, this your all-licensed fool,
But other of your insolent retinue
Do hourly carp and quarrel, breaking forth
198 In rank and not-to-be-endured riots, Sir,
I had thought by making this well known unto you
To have found a safe redress, but now grow fearful,
200 By what yourself too late have spoke and done,
202 That you protect this course, and put it on
By your allowance; which if you should, the fault
204 Would not scape censure, nor the redresses sleep,
205 Which, in the tender of a wholesome weal,
206 Might in their working do you that offense,
Which else were shame, that then necessity
Will call discreet proceeding.

FOOL For you know, uncle,
210 The hedge-sparrow fed the cuckoo so long
That it's had its head bit off by it young.

LEAR Are you our daughter?

GONERIL
I would you would make use of your good wisdom
(Whereof I know you are fraught) and put away
215 These dispositions which of late transport you
From what you rightly are.

FOOL May not an ass know when the cart draws the horse? Whoop, Jug, I love thee!

LEAR
Does any here know me? This is not Lear.
Does Lear walk thus? speak thus? Where are his eyes?
Either his notion weakens, his discernings
Are lethargied – Ha! Waking? "Tis not so.
Who is it that can tell me who I am?

FOOL Lear's shadow.
[LEAR
I would learn that; for, by the marks of sovereignty,
Knowledge, and reason, I should be false persuaded
I had daughters.

FOOL Which they will make an obedient father.]

LEAR Your name, fair gentlewoman?

GONERIL
This admiration, sir, is much o' th' savor
Of other your new pranks. I do beseech you
To understand my purposes aright.
As you are old and reverend, should be wise.
Here do you keep a hundred knights and squires,
Men so disordered, so debauched and bold
That this our court, infected with their manners,
Shows like a riotous inn. Epicurism and lust
Makes it more like a tavern or a brothel
Than a graced palace. The shame itself doth speak
For instant remedy. Be then desired
By her that else will take the things she begs
A little to disquinty your train,
And the remainders that shall still depend

194 all-licensed allowed to do anything 198 rank gross 200 redresses sleep punishment lie dormant 205 tender . . . weal government of a healthy commonwealth 206–8 Might . . . proceeding might humiliate you, but, being necessary, would be merely prudent; necessity = what the situation demands 210–11 The . . . young (the cuckoo lays its eggs in other birds' nests; the young cuckoos eventually destroy the sparrow that has been feeding them); it . . . its . . . its 212 darkling in darkness 215 fraught full 216 dispositions moods

219 Jug Joan, generic name for a whore 222 notion mind; discernings perceptions 223 Waking am I awake? 231 admiration spectacle (something to be wondered at) 236 bold impudent 238 Shows looks; Epicurism gluttony 240 grace disquinty 243 disquinty . . . main reduce the size of your retinue 244 depend be your dependents