

Pox on you for a Fop

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Belch. *Belch.*

[1.] Pox on you, Pox on you,

[2.] Fogh, fogh, fogh, fogh, how

[3.] No less than a Cae - sar,¹ no less than a Cae - sar, no,

Belch.

Pox on you for a Fop, your Sto - mach too_ quea - sy. Can-not
sour he smells; now he's at it, now he's at it a - gain: Out ye
no, no less than a Cae - sar, de - cree'd with great rea - son, no re -

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I Belch, can - not I Belch and Fart, you Cox - comb, to
Beast, out ye Beast, I ne - ver met so nas - ty a
-straint, no re - straint should be laid on the Bum or the

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ease me? What if I let fly in your Face, and shall please ye?
Man, I'm not a - ble to bear it. What the De - vil d'ye mean?
Wea - son,² for Belch - ing and Fart - ing were al - ways in sea - son.

1 According to Suetonius, the Roman Emperor Claudius (reigned A.D. 41-54) considered passing an edict "allowing to all people the liberty of giving vent at table to any distention occasioned by flatulence, upon hearing of a person whose modesty, when under restraint, had nearly cost him his life."

2 gullet.