

16. A REBUKE: TO AURELIUS AND FURIUS



'll fuck you and bugger you,

Aurelius [p. 201] the pathic, and sodomite *Furius* [p. 212],

who thought you knew me from my verses,

since they're erotic, not modest enough.

It suits the poet himself to be dutifully chaste,

his verses not necessarily so at all:

which, in short then, have wit and good taste

even if they're erotic, not modest enough,

and as for that can incite to lust,

I don't speak to boys, but to hairy ones

who can't move their stiff loins.

You, who read all these thousand kisses,

you think I'm less of a man?

I'll fuck you, and I'll bugger you.