

## Cyrano Side:

*(Valvert says: "Your nose is really big." Cyrano responds with the following)*

Is that it? Is that all you have to say? I gave you an opportunity to come at me and all you can say is "really big?" Come on man, you're lacking invention! You could have said, oh I don't know-- colossal, considerable, enormous, gigantic, humongous, monumental, sizeable, tremendous, vast, whopping, astronomical, epic, ginormous, jumbo, mammoth, massive, mega, monster, prodigious, OR you could have personified the monstrosity as a metaphor OR included the insult in an existing piece of poetry to make it accessible to all:

'Oh that this too, too solid flesh

Would melt, thaw and dissolve itself into a dew!'

*(all the cadets applaud. Cyrano takes a small bow. Then teaches Valvert)*

That was the Prince of Denmark by Billy Shakes. The "point" is that these are the things you could have said--had you the slightest skill of wit or letters, but wit, good Lord, you have no idea what that is. And as for letters, well...four can sum you up: D-I-C-K. *(Cadets yell approval)* But even if you had the inspiration to entertain this noble audience with such ingenious fancies, your noble tongue would never have managed to articulate such insults. For while I sometimes choose to mock myself, I do not accept pleasantries from others.