**MERCUTIO SIDES**

MERCUTIO

Where the devil should this Romeo be?/ Came he not home last night?

BENVOLIO

Not to his fathers; I spoke with his man.

MERCUTIO

Why, that same pale, hardhearted wench, that Rosaline, torments him so that he will sure run mad.

BENVOLIO

Tybalt, the kinsman to old Capulet

has sent a letter to his father's house.

MERCUTIO

A challenge, on my life.

BENVOLIO

Romeo will answer it.

MERCUTIO

Any man that can write may answer a letter.

BENVOLIO

No, he will answer the letter's master, how he dares, being dared.

(Romeo enters)

BENVOLIO

Here comes Romeo.

MERCUTIO

Signior Romeo; bonjour; there's a French salutation to your French slop. You gave us the counterfeit fairly last night.

ROMEO

Good morrow to you both. What counterfeit did I give you?

MERCUTIO

The slip, sir, the slip can you not conceive?

ROMEO

Pardon, good Mercutio my business was great and in such a case as mine a man may strain courtesy.

MERCUTIO

That's as much as to say, such a case as yours constrains a man to bow in the hams.

ROMEO

Meaning to curtsy.

MERCUTIO

You have most kindly hit it.

ROMEO

A most courteous exposition.

BENVOLIO

Stop there, stop there!