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Hugh De Wardener recalls his entrance in the production "Babes in Thailand".

And I went to the front of the stage. . . . And lying in the front row was a dentist friend of mine, who kept saying, “Have a dildo, Ginger? Have a dildo!” And you know at that time I had no idea what a dildo was—shows how nice I was! No idea at all. But anyhow, he was making a nuisance of himself.

0.22 So I went to the front of the stage and I said, “Shut up, you cock!” And by this time the noise [laughter] was dying down and then I had to say my famous couplet. . . . And it went something like this, “In me you see the Fairy Queen, I used to play Miss Muffet. But now I have a little wand, don’t tell me where to stuff it.” And you know there was absolute silence while I said it. And then there was silence . . . one . . . two . . . three, four. And I thought, “God Almighty, I’ve [failed]. And then the most enormous explosion of laughter, which relieved me a bit, you see.