

# The Rebel

*Do you know anyone who always disagrees with you or your friends, or likes to do the opposite of what everyone thinks they should do? Think of a word to describe such a person. Discuss with your partner some of the things such a person generally does.  
Now read the poem.*

When everybody has short hair,  
The rebel lets his hair grow long.  
When everybody has long hair,  
The rebel cuts his hair short.

When everybody talks during the lesson,  
The rebel doesn't say a word.  
When nobody talks during the lesson,  
The rebel creates a disturbance.

When everybody wears a uniform,  
The rebel dresses in fantastic clothes.  
When everybody wears fantastic clothes,  
The rebel dresses soberly.

In the company of dog lovers,  
The rebel expresses a preference for cats.  
In the company of cat lovers,  
The rebel puts in a good word for dogs.

When everybody is praising the sun,  
The rebel remarks on the need for rain.  
When everybody is greeting the rain,  
The rebel regrets the absence of sun.

When everybody goes to the meeting,  
The rebel stays at home and reads a book.  
When everybody stays at home and reads a book,  
The rebel goes to the meeting.

When everybody says, Yes please,  
The rebel says, No thank you.  
When everybody says, No thank you,  
The rebel says, Yes please.  
It is very good that we have rebels.  
You may not find it very good to be one.

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