

Stubborn Stuart

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Stubborn Stuart loved a good squabble.
He'd quarrel and argue all day.
He'd cause a great ruckus, and bring so much trouble
With all the sheer nonsense he'd say.

Stubborn Stuart was true to his name.
His opinions held firm, without question.
Until the day, a doctor exclaimed:
"May I offer a tiny suggestion?"

But Stubborn Stuart was staggeringly stupid.
He'd ramble and wouldn't think twice.
So to make him feel mighty, not silenced or muted
He offered this piece of advice.

"Stubborn Stuart, when you disagree
Shout these words straight out the gate.
It'll shut everyone up, and this I guarantee
You'll be sure to win every debate."

Stubborn Stuart said he would try it.
And the doctor told him the two words.
And somehow, it worked. And all would go quiet
At the sound of the words that they'd heard.

So Stubborn Stuart went all of his days
Disagreeing with all around town.
Without hesitation, he'd just shout the phrase
And his opponents would always back down.

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But Stubborn Stuart was truly deceived.

The doctor misled him with words.

For every time he'd thought he'd disagreed,
He'd been tricked into shouting: "I CONCUR!"