

Because He's Fourteen I Tell Him

This isn't what being
an iconoclast means,

arguing with everyone
just to buck the crowd,

but he wants
to be the guy

who does not like,
who sees through.

Maybe as his life plays out
all anecdotes will favor him

or maybe his rebelliousness
will turn out not to be a pose.

Whatever convictions
he comes to in the end,

speaking his mind
will serve him well;

it's just in making it up
that he has to grow up.