

**Whose Job Is It Anyway?**

**This is a story about four people  
named: Everybody, Somebody,  
Anybody, and Nobody.**

**There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.**

**Everybody thought Anybody  
could do it, but Nobody realized  
that Everybody would not do it.**

**So, it ended up that Everybody  
blamed Somebody when Nobody  
did what Anybody could have done.**



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