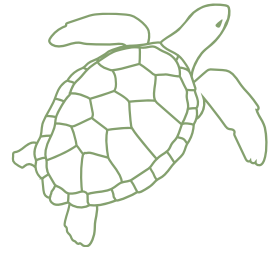


A Turtle's Life



Baby Turtle:

Hello? Hello?

Inside this little egg I was very safe and warm
But I'm all grown up now, ready to transform

I want to swim in the sea that I've heard so much about
I want to see for myself what all the fuss is about!

Hey guys, not that way, this way to the sea!!
Are you ready ocean? I'm coming straight for you

Yippee!

Young Adult Turtle:

I'm one of the lucky ones, surviving for this long
I've watched my friends struggle, even those most strong

Fishermans' long giant nets cast carelessly to sea
Trap my friends swimming by unintentionally

Plastic bags and burst balloons look just like jellyfish
It's floating rubbish but my mates think it's their favourite dish

The ocean has been polluted changing our habitats below
But we've no power to stop this. On and on we must go.

Mother Turtle:

The time has come for me to join the great turtle migration
Returning to my birthplace, laying the next generation

Their lifetime will be different to mine and different to my Mum's
Will it be better? Will it be worse? We'll have to see what comes

Crawling up the sandy shore I see plastic all around
I don't want my babies here in this unsafe, unclean ground

100 million years we've lived, but we're almost endangered now
I must find help to protect my species, if only I knew how...

Can you help me?

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