

## Will the Turtle Be Unbroken

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**Intro:** To the tune - Will the Circle Be Unbroken

G I have bought a small apartment in a C lonely part of  
G town. There are twenty-seven storeys. It's a long  
ways D to the G ground.

G There I lived with my friend Myrtle, my C companion,  
my best G friend. She ain't human, she's a turtle and  
I'll love her D to the G end.

G She was standing at my window on a C cold and cloudy  
G day Till some wild and willful wind blew my poor  
Myrtle D clean G away.

### CHORUS:

G Will the turtle be unbroken by and C by Lord, by and  
G by. Lord help my Myrtle as she hurtles through the  
sky Lord, D through the G sky.

G I ran downstairs, I was crying, I must C find her, I  
must G know. My poor Myrtle would be lying several  
hundred D feet G below.

### CHORUS:

G Will the turtle be unbroken by and C by Lord, by and  
G by. Lord help my Myrtle as she hurtles through the  
sky Lord, D through the G sky.

G Was she sundered into sections as her C shell fell to  
the G ground? Would I find two hundred plectrums? My  
friend Myrtle D all G around.

CHORUS:

G Will the turtle be unbroken by and C by Lord, by and  
G by. Lord help my Myrtle as she hurtles through the  
sky Lord, D through the G sky.

G Oh caretaker, poor caretaker, why do you lie here  
C stone-cold G dead? Poor man went to meet his maker,  
something landed on D his G head.

CHORUS:

G And the turtle was unbroken by and C by Lord, by and  
G by. For you guided my friend Myrtle through the sky  
Lord, D through the G sky.

G Undertaker, undertaker lay that C poor man in his  
G grave. Good Lord took the old caretaker but my best  
friend, D she was G saved.

CHORUS:

G Yes, the turtle was unbroken by and C by Lord, by and  
G by. For you guided my friend Myrtle through the sky  
Lord, D through the G sky.