

"You Can't Make A Turtle Come Out"

Words and Music by Malvina Reynolds

Verse #1: You can't make a turtle come out,
You can't make a turtle come out,
You can coax him or call him
Or shake him or shout, but
You can't make a turtle come out, come out,
You can't make a turtle come out.

Verse #2: If he wants to stay in his shell,
If he wants to stay in his shell,
You can knock on the door, but
You can't ring the bell, but
You can't make a turtle come out, come out,
You can't make a turtle come out.

Verse #3: Be kind to your four-footed friends,
Be kind to your four-footed friends,
A poke makes a turtle
Retreat at both ends, but
You can't make a turtle come out, come out
You can't make a turtle come out.

Verse #4: **So you'll have to patiently wait,**
 So you'll have to patiently wait, and
 When he gets ready, he'll
 Open the gate, but
 You can't make a turtle come out, come out
 You can't make a turtle come out.

Verse #5: **And when you forget that he's there,**
 And when you forget that he's there,
 He'll be walking around with
 His head in the air, but
 You can't make a turtle come out, come out
 You can't make a turtle come out.