

## Turtles Can Talk?

Silent now, silent to you I may always be.

Silent as a box turtle from under a ledge

Next to a house from long ago.

Silent as a Sunday in a snowstorm or

A rabbit in the grass on a summer day or

Any terrapene you might get to know.

The voice of this turtle will never be heard in this land,

Or any other for that matter.

Silent as the shade on an August afternoon.

You remember the legendary race.

Mutely matched, never any trash-talking,

Our only conversation never heard.

I won the race, remember,

But he won the crowd.

Slow and steady is such a nothing burger.

So much to tell you, if only I had vocal cords.

If only you could come a little closer?

Listen now!