

Turtle Lou

**Turtle Lou was my first pet.
I had him quite a while.
He lived in an aquarium
upon a little isle.**

**I'd take him out and watch him walk
around the house and yard.
And though his body's in a shell
I was his bodyguard.**

**He seemed to like to be outdoors
much more than in the house.
And get to see, occasionally,
a bird or bug or mouse.**

**So I decided freedom
was the thing for Turtle Lou.
To sunbathe, swim, and climb on rocks
like other turtles do.**

**I took him to a nearby pond
one bright and sunny day,
said toodle-loo to Turtle Lou
and watched him swim away.**

**And I go back most every year
and most times I can see
a turtle sunning on a rock.
I think he smiles at me.**

