

Bird and Turtle by Nyah, Year 4

Side by side on the soft, sparkling sand sat two isolated eggs. They rested gently on the massive, deserted beach. The eggs were as delicate as a glass light bulb. One egg began to crack open and out popped an adorable, blue-eyed baby bird's head. Moments later the second egg hatched...

Out came a breath-taking baby turtle slowly getting her way out of its egg.

"Hello sister" said Bird.

"I'm hungry," squeaked Turtle.

"Open your mouth as wide as you can and food will arrive," whispered Bird. So they waited ... and waited but food did not come.

"Perhaps we should go and look for some?" asked Turtle. "I wonder what food might look like."

"I didn't know what we would like so I have brought a selection for us to try" Turtle said when he came back.

"Could you chew it for me?" asked Bird.

When they had both finished they sat together on the sand, looking at the glamorous world.

"I'm chilly," whispered turtle.

"Me too" responded bird.

After a while, the sun rose. In front of the sparkling sea stood turtle and bird. They gazed intently at the glorious, golden sun which was setting below the horizon. It made the sea shimmer like it was covered in diamonds. The water lapped over the sand and began to cover their toes. After a few moments, they turned to face each other and smiled contentedly.

"Look ... it's beautiful" said turtle.

"I think we should sing to it" said bird.

"Singing makes me sleepy" said turtle and then she fell asleep.

When turtle woke up bird was sitting on something.

"Oooh," said turtle. "What is it?"

"It's our home," Bird said happily.

Days went by. Turtle and bird grew big together. They practised flying and they practised swimming. They practised walking slowly and they practised dancing. When the weather was good, they basked on the rocks. When the weather was bad, they fluffed up to keep warm.

"I'm glad you're my brother" said turtle.

Then one day when turtle went for a swim and bird flew behind, they found a lake full of turtles and a tree full of birds. They looked at them and looked at each other.

"Oh dear how silly and crazy we have been" said bird.

"We're not brothers in any way," whispered turtle.

"I suppose its goodbye", said turtle.

"Goodbye" cried bird.

Turtle swam to the turtles and bird flew away.

Next morning turtle greeted the sun with a happy tune.

"Be quiet" yelled the turtles.

At lunch, bird caught a buffalo.

"That's horrible," said the birds.

In the evening, turtle said, "I've built a nest for our home. But no-one liked it.

When it got dark, bird flew away by himself.

"Come back" called the other birds. "We don't fly in the dark".

Bird found turtle lying on the ground.

"I couldn't sleep", said bird.

"Me neither" said turtle.

"I missed you," said bird.

"Me too" said turtle.

"Sister?" said bird.

"Yes," said turtle.

"Good night".