

C  
 I have bought a small apartment  
 F C  
 In a lonely part of town  
 C  
 There are 27 storeys  
 G C  
 It's a long way to the ground

C  
 There I live with my friend Myrtle  
 F C  
 My companion, my best friend  
 C  
 She ain't human; she's a turtle  
 G C  
 And I'll love her to the end

C  
 She was standing at my window  
 C F C  
 On a cold and cloudy day  
 C  
 Till some wild and wilful wind blew  
 G C  
 My poor Myrtle clean away

**Chorus:**

C  
 Will the turtle be unbroken  
 F C  
 By and by Lord, by and by  
 C  
 Lord help my Myrtle as she hurtles  
 G C  
 Through the sky Lord, through the sky

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

**Chorus:**

C  
 Would she sunder into sections  
 F C  
 As her shell fell to the ground  
 C  
 Would I find two hundred plectrums  
 G C  
 My friend Myrtle all around

**Chorus:**

C  
 Oh caretaker, poor caretaker  
 F C  
 Why do you lie there stone cold dead  
 C  
 Poor man went to meet his maker  
 G C  
 Something landed on his head

C  
 Chorus: "And the turtle was unbroken"

C  
 Undertaker, undertaker  
 F C  
 Lay that poor man in his grave  
 C  
 Good Lord took the old caretaker  
 G C  
 But my best friend she was saved

C  
 Yes the turtle was unbroken  
 F C  
 By and by Lord, by and by  
 C  
 Lord help my Myrtle as she hurtles  
 G C  
 Through the sky Lord, through the sky

**Repeat Chorus:**