

For mother turtles best helpers, who dedicate
themselves to long lonely nights under the starlit sky,

Mother Turtle

Turtle dear,
driven by fate,
shall you always nurture
your young,
upon the lonely island,
where birds do mourn,
and seals sleep?

You swim again to a little isle,
secret to the world,
for the sands to keep your babes,
the treasured cargo of your love,
for one day,

that they shall hatch,
you leave your children here,
upon the loam of the isle,
to nurse them in your
stead,

Entrust your young to her
bosom,
warm and gentle,
close to heart
in hope that some liquid
night
her babes will follow,
the silent call of sea,
There to the dear and
tender nurse,

the babes will come again,
nurtured once and held so
dear,
and grown to be,
the "minutiae" of mama dear,

When her daughter do return,
from sea, from sea,
to once again,
entrust their treasured young,

The sea will know,
and the tide will know,
the loving heart of mama dear,
who laid her nest so tenderly,
and covered it with gentle hands,
to never again see her babes,

thus, she shed a tear,
for her babes dear,
she held so close,
and left them there,
bade them once farewell,
with a sigh,
she pulled herself,
tired from a night's hard
labour,

"I entrust the idols in
their care"

thus, saying this,
she left,

thus ~~was~~ trusted in
the care,

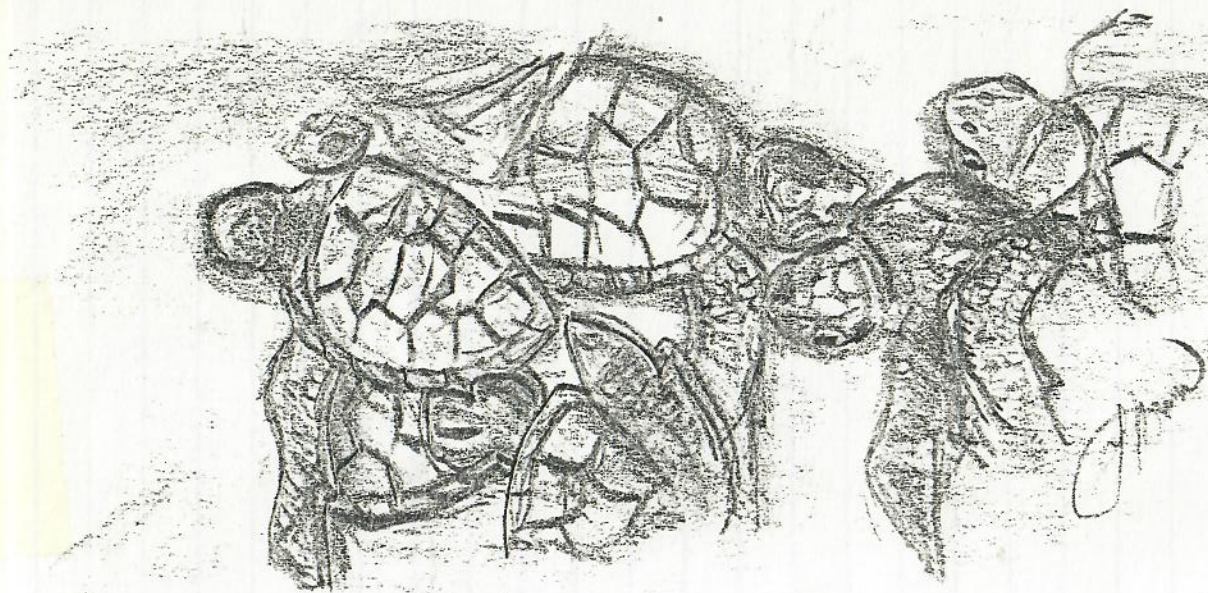
of winds and sun and warm soft sand,
and lastly to the sea,

For love of sea,
and the sands,
she left her babies,
upon the tide



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Wall-to-wall hustle

Hauran, Syria
near Jubbah market
13/VII/88

Tom & Jane
Sketching



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Dayckid Green Frog
Turtle Creek
13/VII 1928
T.M. 201, 202
(Lance/retina) #13

The Hatching of a Green Sea Turtle Nest

18/VIII/88



1 concave, soft spot
- indicates turtle activity



2 "scout hole"
- sand coned in from hatchlings digging and hatching



3 nose of "scout" hatchling turtle
- wave of front of dig - leads the escape



4 "scout" turtle emerging from sand - propels himself up



5 "scout's" activity arouses other hatchlings to emerge



6.A Activity at surface, excited wave of rest - all start to dig upwards



6.B Hatchlings in lower layer push water to out. All follow the top hatchlings out "bolting" over the hole.
7 Hatchlings in top layer make a break toward the glowing waves.



8 Hatchlings propel themselves in water



9 Turtle reaches upper water and waits for waves



10 Waves, acid-timed, arrives and with a jump in and goes out to sea