

November 18

## I Want a Turtle

I will have a leash for my turtle.

It will be named Garfunkle Dobbins Tuppins Bobbins.

I will smell it every day.

(if)

If it smells funny, I'll wash it.

I will listen to it. Every day.

(if)

If its heart isn't beating, it is dead.

(if)

If it is dead, I will cry.

(if)

If I cry, I will be teased.

(if)

If I am teased, I will get angry.

(if)

If I get angry, people will feel my wrath.

(if)

If they feel my wrath, they will wish they hadn't teased me.

(if)

If they wished they hadn't teased me, they will apologize.

(if)

If they apologize, I will feel better.

(if)

If I feel better, I will get another turtle.

(if)

If I get a turtle . . .

That's a big if.

—Preston Oliver  
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