The Foolish Tortoise

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Review

The foolish tortoise is tired of going so slow. He hypothesizes that his heavy shell is what holds him back, so he consequently decides to crawl out and leave it behind. Although he now can indeed move much faster, he also encounters many dangers that his shell previously protected him from. Finding his own shell in the end of his adventure is a welcome sight to Tortoise, and he gladly crawls back in and bids the world good night.

Humans often pinpoint home as the thing that’s holding them back: they can’t wait to graduate, they can’t wait to move to college, they can’t wait to fly across the ocean, they can’t wait to be anywhere but home. The Foolish Tortoise teaches readers, both young and old, that maybe home isn’t so bad. Maybe all those things that were previously considered stumbling blocks are actually stepping stones. Young readers will enjoy this read-along and gain confidence as they learn to read about this foolish tortoise.