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**Inspired by Joshua Tree National Park**

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[Chorus]

**A E A**

Live like the tortoise

**E B E**

Carry your own home

**E B E**

Live past forever

**A E A**

Never feel alone

[Verse 1]

**A E A**

Drink lots of water

**E B E**

Get it anytime you can

**E B E**

Avoid dehydration

**A E A**

Always have a water plan

[Chorus]

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[Verse 2]

**A E A**

You must pace yourself wisely

**E B E**

Move steady but slow

**E B E**

You might not see the progress

**A E A**

But it's the best way to grow

[Bridge 1]

**D**

When the sun goes down

**A**

And the sky turns orange and purple

And blue and pink and green

**D**

I know even though it's cold

**A E**

It'll come back and shine for me

[Verse 3]

**A E A**

The next day it rises

**E B E**

With a glorious glow

**E B E**

I knew it would come

**A E A**

It didn't promise but I know

[Verse 4]

**A E A**

It'll be there every morning

**E B E**

Sure as it sets every night

**E B E**

So I lay my head down

**A E A**

And I close my eyes tight

[Bridge 2]

**D A D**

Try to have some pleasant dreams

**A E A**  
 That I know you deserve  
**E B E**  
 And tomorrow you'll use  
**A E A**  
 The energy you conserve

[Verse 5]

**A E A**  
 Don't waste your night with worry  
**E B E**  
 Get some shut eye instead  
**E B E**  
 You must protect precious sleep time  
**A E A**  
 Or you'll feel like your dead

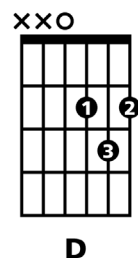
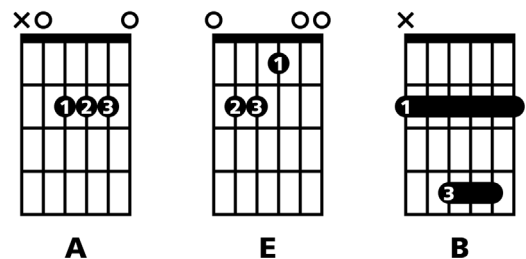
[Chorus]

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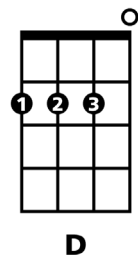
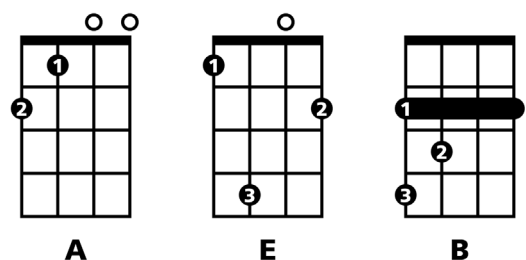
[Verse 6]

**A E A**  
 Water, sleep and shelter  
**E B E**  
 Kindness towards yourself and others can  
**E B E**  
 Enrich a life that's lived slowly  
**A E A**  
 With this tortoise living plan

## Guitar Chords



## Ukulele Chords





## NPT007: "The Tortoise"

Inspired by Joshua Tree National Park

I was hiking alone in the desert and thinking about how you had to take it one step at a time and really think about water.

**Photos by Kendall Bruns**

**Front:** Joshua Tree National Park on April 12, 2015.

**Back:** Cholla Cactus Garden in Joshua Tree National Park on April 11, 2015.

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