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Hurdles for Turtles

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To a hare, a hurdle is a nuisance to be avoided.
To a turtle, a hurdle is an overwhelming obstacle to be faced.

Hares get on the other side of hurdles without knowing how they got there.
The tortoise knows it takes much time and tenacity to get to the other side.

As life goes on, the hurdles get higher and more imposing.
What's past the hurdle gets more valuable and important.

The first time a hare misses a hurdle, he can't figure out how to overcome the barrier.
The turtle expects it to be difficult, and adjusts the effort accordingly.

Over the long haul, you'll see rabbits littered along the track,
Happy to be wherever they are.

Meanwhile, the tortoise forges forward, never looking to see who is gaining,
Only striving to move ahead, one step at a time.

The hare often wins the day's race.
To the turtle, the race has no end.

Whatever struggles you encounter,
Be in the race.
Never give up.
Endure.

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