

# *The Desert Party*

*In the middle of the desert*

*Where Mountains tower high*

*There is a great big bowl that stretches miles wide*

*This bowl has many wonders*

*As the sun begins to set*

*A mother Cactus Wren returns safely to her nest*

*She brings her chirping young a cricket one for all*

*Then she must try to sleep*

*But as she starts to settle in*

*The nighttime party begins*

*A Mountain Lion creeps out of its den*

*But it's the opposite of the Wren*

*For its not getting ready for bed*

*It has not eaten in several days*

*As he heads into the valley it prepares then*

*it hears*

*A lone javalina snacking on some Saguaro fruit*

*It waits silence, stillness*

*It pounces with the speed of lightning*

*scrambling feet*

*alas his job is done*

*But far away from that commotion*

*There's Mr. Packrat John*

*He's busy collecting loads of treasure to decorate his house*

*As he runs around the desert he's as quiet as a mouse*

*A nut, a dime, a marble, a sharpened piece of glass*

*There is so much treasure hidden in the grass*

*The desert may seem empty*

*But open up your eyes*

*If you look a little closer*

*You'll get a big surprise*

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