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THE PACKRAT'S HOME



READERS THEATER/INTERMEDIATE/I-75
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("Teacher Tips" for Readers Theater can be found under "Free Teacher Aides" at the Scripts For Schools website mentioned above).

READER 1: Dropped a dime in the desert,

READER 2: Popped a button in the sand.

READER 3: Lost a marble near a cactus,

READER 4: And I'm sure you understand
These things are gone forever.

READER 5: They're not just out on loan.

READER 6: And piled with chunks of cholla

ALL READERS: ARE A PACKRAT'S HOME!

CHORUS:

READERS 1-7: **All night this critter scurries,
Hunting treasures. Hurry! Scurry!**

READERS 8-14: **You're nest needs feathering**

READER 8: **BIG nest -
But who's measuring?**

READER 7: My ring, my watch, my walkman

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Were just outside my tent.

READER 8: I was camping in the desert
And I know just where they went.

READER 9: These things are gone forever,
Though I may search and roam,

READER 10: And piled with chunks of cholla

ALL READERS: ARE A PACKRAT'S HOME!

CHORUS:

READERS 1-7: **All night this critter scurries,
Hunting treasures. Hurry! Scurry!**

READERS 8-14: **You're nest needs feathering**

READER 8: **LARGE nest –
But who's measuring?**

READER 11: Once had an I.D. bracelet
Given to me by my brother.

READER 12: Once had a special silver pen,
A souvenir from mother.

READER 13: Once had a gold chain necklace,
A gift from cousin Joan.

READER 14: Now piled with chunks of cholla

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- READER 8: **HUGE nest –**
 But who's measuring?
- READERS 1,2: Oh yes, we know it's silly
- READERS 3,4: And we know what packrats like.
- READERS 5,6: But we're guarding our computers,
- READERS 7,8: And concerned about our bikes.
- READERS 9,10: And what about the family car?
- READERS 11,12 We're worried to the bone,
- READERS 13,14: Will they, too, piled with cholla,
- ALL READERS: **BE A PACKRAT'S HOME?**

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NOTE: Remember that a choral speaking "voice choir" must seem to speak in one voice. Please rehearse your speakers to speak and breath together and in unison. This piece should move along like a flowing river (as most poems probably should) but also convey a sense of lightheartedness and fun.

Voice Choir Positions: Place girls together on one side of the stage or risers, boys together on the other. Place them beside each other and angle them in such a way that they are slightly facing one another. Solo speakers may be positioned in a line down front and/or slightly to the side of the choir).

**A free Choral Speaking Teacher's Guide can be found online at:
http://www.scriptsforschools.com/ALL_SCRIPTS/FREE_TEACHER_AIDES_/Teacher_Tips_for_Choral_Speaki/index.html**

ALL SPEAKERS: Dropped a dime in the desert,
 Popped a button in the sand.
 Lost a marble near a cactus,
 And I'm sure you understand

GIRL SPEAKERS: These things are gone forever.
 They're not just out on loan.

BOY SPEAKERS: And piled with chunks of cholla

ALL SPEAKERS: ARE A PACKRAT'S HOME!

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CHORUS:

BOY SPEAKERS: **All night this critter scurries,
Hunting treasures. Hurry! Scurry!**

GIRL SPEAKERS: **You're nest needs feathering**

SOLO 1: **BIG nest –
But who's measuring?**

ALL SPEAKERS: My ring, my watch, my walkman
Were just outside my tent.
I was camping in the desert
And I know just where they went.

GIRL SPEAKERS: These things are gone forever,
Though I may search and roam,

BOY SPEAKERS: And piled with chunks of cholla

ALL SPEAKERS: ARE A PACKRAT'S HOME!

CHORUS:

BOY SPEAKERS: **All night this critter scurries,
Hunting treasures. Hurry! Scurry!**

GIRL SPEAKERS: **You're nest needs feathering**

SOLO 2: **LARGE nest –
But who's measuring?**

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Given to me by my brother.
Once had a special silver pen,
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GIRL SPEAKERS: Once had a gold chain necklace,
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BOY SPEAKERS: Now piled with chunks of cholla

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But who's measuring?**

ALL SPEAKERS: Oh yes, I know it's silly
And I know what packrats like.
But I'm guarding my computer,
And concerned about my bike.

GIRL SPEAKERS: And what about the family car?

SOLO 4: I'm worried to the bone!

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