

THIS SAGUARO IS FINE!

The Life Story of a Saguaro Cactus Told in Verse

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VERSE I

READER 1: I know a cactus hotel:

ALL: THE SAGUARO!

READER 2: Or maybe it's a motel:

ALL: THE SAGUARO!

READER 1: It takes this cactus 50 years to grow some
fruit,

And that's like opening up a diner on its roof.

READER 2: Soon lots of hungry desert critters come to
dine

And say,

READERS 3&6: "We think we'll stay here.

This saguaro is fine!

ALL: Fine, fine,

This SAGUARO is fine.

(rest) We think we'll stay here,

This saguaro is fine!

VERSE II

READER 4: I know a cactus townhouse:

ALL: THE SAGUARO!

READER 5: A prickly up and down house:

ALL: THE SAGUARO!

READER 4: First a Gila woodpecker, then white winged
dove
Build two boots for nesting, one below, one
above.

READER 5: With space left for new neighbors to the side
and behind
They say,

READER 3&6: "We think we'll live here.
This saguaro is fine!

ALL: Fine, fine,
This SAGUARO is fine.
(beat)We think we'll live here,
This saguaro is fine!

VERSE III

READER 7: I know a cactus condo:

ALL: THE SAGUARO!

READER 8: It's one I am quite fond of;