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**CHORAL SPEAKING/INTERMEDIATE/CH-16**  
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Written and Formatted for Choral Speaking

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**(To find the proper rhythm, first read-aloud and clap through the piece as you go. Each underlined word or word part falls directly on a beat. As you read, clap on each underlined word, keeping the rhythm steady. Be careful not to read too fast! This is a rehearsal technique and readers will not clap throughout the entire piece during performance.)**

**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).**

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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?**

ALL SPEAKERS:      Once had an I.D. bracelet  
Given to me by my brother.  
Once had a special silver pen,  
A souvenir from mother.

GIRL SPEAKERS:      Once had a gold chain necklace,  
A gift from cousin Joan.

BOY SPEAKERS:      Now piled with chunks of cholla

ALL READERS:      ARE A PACKRAT'S HOME!