

the Ballad of El Saguaro

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I made these light up cacti, some 36 or so,
into store windows is where they all will go.
In this short video I'll show you, basically,
all the steps I took to make them - efficiently.

But something was missing, I had no music for the show.
So I wrote this silly song, it's called "The Ballad of El Saguaro."

I was born in ol Sonora, at least hundred years ago,
I'm a prickly SOB, and i'm awful slow to grow.
The Seri call me 'homie,' and my fruit is sweet as wine,
but if you cross me the wrong way, I'll send shivers down your spine.

El Saguaro, that's my name
I'm the king of Arizona and the Mexican north plains
El Saguaro that's my name
all those other cacti? I'm putting them to shame.

It gets hot here in the desert, and I work up quite a thirst,
but when the rains do come, I drink for all I'm worth.
I can absorb 200 gallons, in one big 'ol rainfall.
My sides will swell to hold it in, my spines protect it all.

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My scientific name honors Andrew Carnegie,
sometimes I just grow straight, sometimes an arm or three.
Too bad if I am in your away, cuz you can't cut me down,

I'm protected by state law, so you best just go around.

El Saguaro...

I am like a symbol, of the great American west,
but I only grow in one small part, the rest don't pass the test.
When you see me on a label, for taco sauce and shells,
or in a Texas movie - this is my living Hell.

El Saguaro...

I am food, water and shelter, desert-dwellers know the rules,
my spines are used for sewing and my ribs are used for tools.
Birds build nests inside me, bats and bees will pollinate,
the nests become "Saguaro Boot," to use them is innate.

El Saguaro...

I hope you found this useful, and maybe a little fun,
I'll try to keep this whole thing short, for now I gotta run.
This video's a bit different, part book report part song,
if you like it you can help me out - and support my Patreon.

El Saguaro...