

AMERICAN DESERTS

When it comes to American deserts
Remembering them is a chore
But after we're done and our song is all song
We'll never forget anymore!

The biggest is called the Great Basin
Nevada's the state it contains
The bristlecone pine thinks the temperature's fine
And it snows even more than it rains

The next desert is the Mojave
On its mountains you're likely to freeze
But the world-record tally for heat is Death Valley
At one hundred thirty-four degrees

While traveling through the Sonoran
You'll listen to hooting and howls
For one well-known fact is the saguaro cactus
Is home to the lizards and owls

The last desert is the Chihuahuan
Its creosote bush you should know
Its soil is sandy beside the Rio Grande
And most of it's in Mexico

Optional Chorus (not on recording)
Beneath the Great Basin
Mojave is hot
Sonoran saguaros can grow up a lot
Chihuahuan has yuccas, agaves, and more
How many American deserts? There's four!