

## On Being a Cactus

‡ am a cactus.  
‡ sit in one place for years at a time.  
‡ watch life in desolate places.

‡ am a cactus.  
‡'m covered in spikes; hard to approach.  
‡ like solitude.

‡ am a cactus.  
‡f you're careful, you can slip past the thorns.  
‡ protect my small friends.

‡ am a cactus.  
‡ bask in the sun. I crave the peace of heat.  
‡ am so hot I'm cool.

‡ am a cactus.  
‡ hardly shiver when cold night calls.  
‡ scare away the chill.

‡ am a cactus.  
‡ drink it up. I can hold it in for a long time.  
‡ love water.

‡ am a cactus.  
‡n search of a savior in this desolate land?  
‡ bear fruit.

‡ am a cactus.  
‡ndependent. Supportive. Watchful. Hot. Cool.  
‡ am the spirit of the west.