

A Desert Tortoise's Day

*Dirt flies everywhere
Making small "pattering" noises on my shell
Also making me sneeze quietly
But this is normal
I'm just digging my burrow
Behind me looms a Saguaro Cactus
Not scary
But comforting*

*A Gila Woodpecker perches
Making tapping noises as it drills
I lumber down into my burrow
Twigs snap beneath me
Dirt scrapes my brown shell but I don't care
It's so good to be home*

*Miles and miles of red orange
Stretch all around me
Birds call out everywhere
As if to wake the world
I'm waking up in the sun
It's going to be another great day in the desert*

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