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Sonaran Sentry

Alone upon a distant hill
Stands a mighty figure very still

Like me, her ribs protect her heart
Arms balancing like a work of art

When the rains arrive you store the water
Preparing for when the days are hotter

Many creatures build their nest
The scars and cavities are the best

At the very top of this tall tower
In May you will find the Arizona state flower

In the light of the morning sun
You can see it weighs 8 tons

In the scorching desert she's able to grow
And survival is the only thing she knows

When you can live up to 200 years old
You see lots of changes that unfold

No one notices when you slowly grow
The Soronan sentry, a saguaro