

EWV 123 Interstitial

Señor Tapir Ballad

Roseli Ocampo-Friedman - "Roseli in Antarctica"

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Follows: "Burrowing Owl Girl"

Curriculum: the kids learn that Roseli Ocampo-Friedman was a Philippine born botanist who wondered if life could exist in even the harshest deserts on Earth, so she went to the Ross Desert in Antarctica and found out!

LS3. Understand that all animals need food in order to live and grow, that they get their food from plants or from other animals, and that plants need water and light to live and grow:

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ELINOR, ARI, and OLIVE are exploring the area around BiBi's house. We see features of Bibi's desert environment. The sun's heat reflects off the landscape. <SFX: DRY BREEZE BLOWING>

<SFX: YAY WALLA> Senior Tapir stands and stretches his back to sing and play the guitar. The kids gather close by.

2. EXT OUTSIDE (SONG ANIMATION) -- DAY

In simplified song animation, we see young Roseli Ocampo in a TROPICAL FOREST in the Philippines, examining a plant.

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SR. TAPIR (CONT'D)

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O - O - Roseli Ocampo
 Wondered where life would grow
 O O Roseli, oh!
 So she traveled on to where she
 could go

Roseli walks through the forest looking at the extent of life.

Well all life is alive!
 Life needs food and water to thrive
 Some places have lot and lots
 And some places: they don't have as
 much.

Roseli continues her walk through the TROPICAL FOREST, but as she passes behind a big tree, her clothes and the forest change, from tropical forest to a SOUTHWESTERN DESERT.

So many different living things
 around
 Could it be that life has found
 a way...? Roseli wondered...

Close-up on Roseli as she stoops to examine a rock in the desert. A cute horned toad climbs up on her shoulder to look at the same rock. It looks at the camera and shrugs.

O - O - Roseli Ocampo
 Wondered where life would grow
 O O Roseli, oh!
 So she traveled on to the desert
 cold!

Roseli walks on, passing behind a huge saguaro cactus. As she does, her clothes change to ARCTIC GEAR and the setting changes to a lifeless ARCTIC DESERT.

Deserts have very little water
 And one desert has the least
 So Roseli, she journeyed there
 to see what she could see

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Roseli looks closely at a horizontal band in a cliff face.¹⁵ She scrapes off some of the rock and holds it in both hands, carefully taking it with her.

She used her observation
 And her skill with plant care
 And whaddya know? Where life will
 go!
 She found life even there!

INSIDE, Roseli peers at her collection through a microscope.
 CUT TO: Microscope POV: links of green ovals, gently swaying.
 Cyanobacteria from Antarctica. BACK ON: Roseli looks
 surprised and happy.

O - O - Roseli Ocampo
 Wondered where life would grow
 O O Roseli, oh!
 Found life in the driest desert
 cold!

Roseli continues her march though the Antarctic desert. Fade
 to white.

BACK ON: Senior Tapir and the kids. <SFX: KIDS CHEER>

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	Well, this desert isn't <i>that</i> dry.	
12	ARI	12
	Yeah. Maybe we aren't looking closely enough.	
13	ELINOR	13
	Or... in the right place! Look!	

Elinor points off to the left. There they see cacti, a
 tortoise slowly shuffling in the shade, and a lizard scamper
 by. <SFX: WHOA COOL WALLA>