

EW 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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SECOND DRAFT: September 30, 2019

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

2 OLIVE 2
It's so dry out here. *

3 ELINOR 3
It must be hard for animals and *
plants to live out here. *

4	SR. TAPIR (O.S.)	4
	Hey kids -- you're right, there's	*
	not much water around and that	*
	reminds me of a scientist who	*
	wondered what kind of life survives	*
	in a desert.	*

ARI, OLIVE, AND ELINOR

Sen~or Tapir!

2. EXT OUTSIDE (SONG ANIMATION) -- DAY

10	SR. TAPIR (SINGS)	10	*
	O - O - Roseli Ocampo		
	Wanted to know		*
	O O Roseli, oh!		
	All the places where life could		*
	grow		*

Well all life is alive!
(MORE)

SR. TAPIR (SINGS) (CONT'D)

Life needs food and water to thrive
Some places get lots of water
Other places are much drier

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Roseli continues her walk through the WARM, ARID DESERT and
sees plants and animals adapted to living there.

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Roseli went to visit the desert,
Saw life all around,
She was amazed at all the creatures
that she found,

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

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O - O - Roseli Ocampo
Wanted to know
O O Roseli, oh!
If things could live in the desert
cold!

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OLIVE (SPOKEN) (O.S.)
Deserts can be *cold*!?

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SR. TAPIR (SPOKEN)
Oh, you betcha!

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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.

SR. TAPIR (SUNG) (CONT'D)

Some deserts are hot
But the driest one ever
Was actually cold
It had almost no water!

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15 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 inspecting it.

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She used her observation,
And looked everywhere,
And whaddya know?
She found life *even there*!

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EXTREME ZOOM into the rock that Roseli is holding and
examining. AS IF THROUGH A MICROSCOPE, we see links of green
ovals, gently swaying. Cyanobacteria from Antarctica. BACK
ON: Roseli looks surprised and happy.

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O - O - Roseli Ocampo
(MORE)

SR. TAPIR (SUNG) (CONT'D)
 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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ARI

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So, maybe we aren't looking closely
 enough.

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ELINOR

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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>