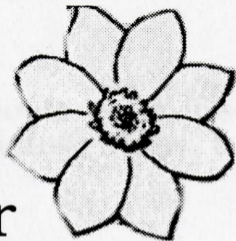


Press



With a Prayer

poetry / Madelynn Dickerson

DEVIATION.—When people once begin to deviate, they do not know where to stop.—*George III.*

Drooping branches ; tough,

bear neglect.

with big

Showy Flowers

fancy leaves,

adaptable.

swordlike

Desert(ed) : ¶ 1 N. → a place uninhabited because it offers nothing for the living but

Solitude : ¶ 2 N. → that imaginary place where one is finally alone, empty of everything except *immensity*; (you are) a

Desert(er) : ¶ 3 N. → defined only by detachment from the very things you left behind.

And they were
burned out by summer
charred seeds carried
away on hot wind
that passed first through
the canyons
and then on to the
cool wet of
the ocean.



Fine cut flowers.

There are kinds with many colors.
sometimes lobed leaves.

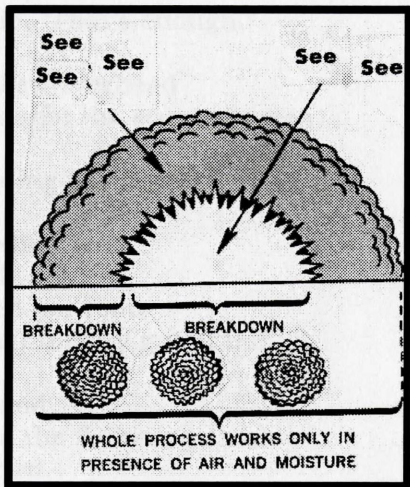
Arrow-shaped leaves

Abundant attractive leaves.

Lacy, fernlike foliage

Compact, excellent foliage

Group several in Mexican pots.



A long time ago
a Joshua tree
looked up
and said, "That's enough."

A bird flew overhead
and brought the scent of green
land
descending like a mist.

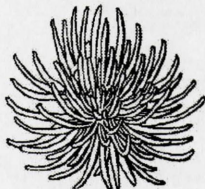
The Joshua tree
inhaled
loosened her roots
shook off the dry grit of the

desert and
followed the flickering shadow
of the bird.

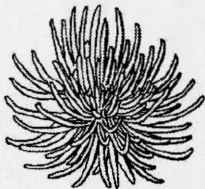
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DANCING LADY. See *Oncidium varicosum rogersii*

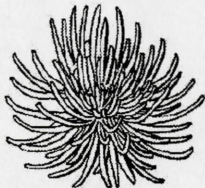
Hear the roar
We have arrived
at the place of
blue rain,
purple sand.



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