

# The Call of the Rattler

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*Shake, shake, shake of the rattlesnake tail -  
A desert sound we should know all too well.*

*Layers of dead skin form the rattle,  
A warning call, but it's not for a battle.*

*I don't like to attack, it's just a defense.  
All living creatures have that natural sense.*

*Leave me alone and allow me to rest.  
It's small critters, not you, that I like best.*