

**Cactus Flowers**  
**Terry Ruth Eissfeldt**

Cactus flowers  
brilliant orange  
flame in the desert  
tangerine petals sharp  
against the dull green  
succulents that stand guard  
over a cruel kingdom

Cactus flowers  
a treasure  
hidden in the depths  
for many moons alone  
waiting for the appointed time  
to burst into bloom  
lava petals erupting

Cactus flowers  
give testimony  
to the Loving Creator  
bearing life amidst adversity  
delicate beauty surrounded  
by desolation and want  
yet thriving

Cactus flowers  
a promise  
dazzling as the setting sun  
pointing to the Faithfulness  
of God who never leaves  
or deserts His beloved  
the same forever

Cactus flowers  
short lived  
a warning that life is brief  
yesteryear is gone  
tomorrow may never arrive  
only today is available  
bloom now

Cactus flowers  
giving glory  
shining bright as brass  
for an audience of One  
hidden in obscurity  
drawing praise from no man  
looking up

Cactus flowers  
brilliant orange  
flame in the desert  
tangerine petals sharp  
against the dull green  
succulents that stand guard  
over a cruel kingdom