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Soft Child

By Janet LaFaille

Soft and tan and brown and lovely,  
The Western Diamondback Rattlesnake  
slithers.

He shakes his rattle, he warns all  
creatures, Beware!

Once the skunk and jackrabbit teased  
him.

They kicked him in the air and they threw  
him.

Sky God gave him his fangs and his  
poison, Beware!

Western Diamondback Rattlesnake,  
You warn everyone with your rattle shake.

Jackrabbit he made a big mistake.

If you don't listen he will strike.

You'll die from his venomous bite,

BEWARE!

Additional instructions/melody/tempo etc.:

Sung to the tune of "The Girl from Ipanema" and based on the book "Soft Child"  
by Joe Hayes