

THE CAPE COD COYOTE

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[1]

My name is Lanky Jake - I'm a coyote
My family's all from down West Texas way
I fell asleep one night in a U-Haul trailer
My eyes opened up to the light of a Kansas day

Then two more days without a break we travelled
So hungry I saw spots before my eyes
Had to eat the stuffing from that fancy sofa
My human friends were due for a big surprise!

We move on north
There's a nip in the air
Gets colder till
There's snow everywhere
I'm a coyote, dammit,
Not a polar bear...!

(Spoken) You'd best believe that my tailbone nearly froze...

[2]

I leaped out soon's the trailer door was open
Where was I? Hell, I didn't have a clue
I saw some trees and ran at top speed towards 'em
My paws were froze, but still I damn near flew
And as I ran, I kept my nose a-goin'
To help me locate something good to eat
Then I spotted all those cans outside the houses
My coyote instinct said I'd find a treat
I tipped one over just to get a idee
It was chock full o' goodies like I never did see
And they left out just for li'l ol' me!-

*(Spoken) Now ain't that right neighborly - might not be so
bad here after all!*

[3]

Well I stayed a few weeks hiding in that forest
- That's what they call a stand o' scrub up here -
I'd raid another can when I got hungry
Or sneak up behind the pub to grab a beer
The night of my encounter with that poodle
I really don't recall who called out who
It called me names I may well have resented
My pedigree was strongly questioned too
It was long on talk and short on fight
I took tail and all in one big bite

Ol' lady near fainted when she turned on the light
*(Spoken) Sorry to do that to your Fluffy, ma'am, but it was
gonna be him or me...*

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Since I knew I'd better move on in the morning
Towards a truckstop down the highway I did creep
A flatbed full o' lumber looked inviting
I jumped right up on board and fell asleep
When I woke up we were trav'ling near the water
The breeze was warm - I liked the salty smell
When we stopped for gas, it was time for "hasta luego"
I was gone before they had the time to yell
I was on Cape Cod, according to the sign
No snow on the ground which I liked real fine
And that's how I came to this new home of mine
(Spoken) *Mighty nice place here, but dang does it ever get
crowded in the Summer!*

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Well the years have passed and now I have a family
I weren't the only coyote here, you see
I hooked me up with a high-class local vixen
She said her maiden name was Kennedy
We think the humans here are mostly friendly
'Cept when kitties disappear, we get the blame -
I haven't had a tabby steak in ages
But damn! I love to chase them all the same
We live up here on the Otis base
All in all a quiet sort of place
Reminds me of Texas, all this open space
(Spoken) *And those jets don't bother us a bit...it's the
sound of freedom!-*

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So drop a line if you think you'd like to visit
Our Cape Cod roadkill tastes a lot like home
Cranberry sauce goes mighty good with possum
For haute cuisine it's the dumpster at the Dome
We'll take you for a swim on the beach at Nauset
Then watch the sunset over Buzzards Bay
Get the gang out for a yip there in the moonlight
You never know - you might decide to stay!
But I'm a true son of Texas, don't you forget
I can still raise hell - ain't been near no vet
They ain't made a liberal out of me yet!
(Spoken) *Hey Earl - are we an "endangered species" or not?
Heh heh...*