

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
Somebody sure was due for a 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
Where 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) 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...

[4]
So I lit out for the sun the very next morning
Towards a truckstop down the highway I did creep
A big rig 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 - I could see a big sign
No snow on the ground which I liked real fine
And that's how I came to this new home of mine
(Spoken) Might nice place here, but dang does it ever get crowded
in the Summer!

[5]
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 Air Force 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.

