



Coyote Catches the Light

Coyote came down from the mountains  
walked over the hills  
came to the edge of the mesa

snorted

farted

and looked out over the desert  
following the lines of darkness down  
toward a pool of light  
filled with shiny boxes  
red/white ribbons  
and *them*

Coyote snuck in to the light  
Remembered sneaking into it one night and  
—BOOM—

Almost got turned inside out  
Almost got stuck in the fence  
Almost got a hole in his hide

So coyote started to chew the cobwebs in the sky  
Chewed them for a long time  
Grabbing them with both hands  
stuffing them in his mouth  
until his mouth got sore  
his hair stood up on its end  
and he was tired

"ugh," coyote said

But the light was gone

and so were *they*

So coyote stepped out  
into the cold, dark  
silence of the desert night

and howled

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