

## **Richard Thompson**

### **"Coyotes"**

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Was a cowboy I knew in South Texas  
His face was burnt deep by the sun  
Part history, part sage, part Mexican  
He was there when Poncho Villa was young

And he'd tell you a tale of the old days  
When the country was wild all around  
Sit out under the stars of the milky way  
And listen while the coyotes howl

They go, whoo, yip, whoo, yip, whoo  
Whoo, du, yip, whoo, yip, whoo, whoo  
Whoo, yip, whoo, yip, whoo  
Whoo, du, yip, whoo, yip, whoo, whoo

Now, the longhorns are gone  
And the drovers are gone  
The Comanches are gone  
And the outlaws are gone

Geronimo's gone  
And sand bass is gone  
And the lion is gone  
And the red wolf is gone

Well, he cursed all the roads in the old land  
And he cursed the automobile  
Said, this is no place for an hombre like I am  
In this new world of asphalt and steel

Then he'd look off someplace in the distance  
At something only he could see  
He'd say all that's left now is the old days  
Damned old coyotes and me

And they go, whoo, yip, whoo, yip, whoo  
Whoo, du, yip, whoo, yip, whoo, whoo  
Whoo, yip, whoo, yip, whoo  
Whoo, du, yip, whoo, yip, whoo, whoo

Now, the longhorns are gone  
And the drovers are gone

The Comanches are gone  
The outlaws are gone

Now, Quanto is gone  
Stan Wantee is gone  
And the lion is gone  
And the red wolf is gone

One morning they searched his adobe  
He disappeared without even a word  
But that night as the moon crossed the mountain  
One more coyote was heard

And he'd go, whoo, yip, whoo, yip, whoo  
Whoo, du, yip, whoo, yip, whoo, whoo  
Whoo, yip, whoo, yip, whoo  
Whoo, du, yip, whoo, yip, whoo, whoo

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