

**The Ballad Of King Coyote**  
**Johnathan Rice**

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The Ballad Of King Coyote From Johnathan Rices album Further North  
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Lyrics are from Johnathanrice.com

If anyone has trouble with the strumming pattern/applying the lick during the A chord

leave a comment and ill look into posting a tutorial on youtube.

Also comment any corrections.

He plays the A as an open chord and the D and E as bar chords with root notes on the A string

This is a lick he plays while holding the A chord

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e |-----|
B |-----|
G |-----|
D |-----|
A |-----3--0-----0-----|
E |-----3-----|
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**A**

Flying in a helicopter

Watering the wildfire

**D**

**A**

Watching the coyotes running for the hills

Driving down the 405 now

Dead coyotes on the roadside

**D**

**A**

The king is watching from the shelter of the trees

**E**

**D**

**A**

Give Coldwater Canyon back to the coyotes

Running past the gay bars and markets

Dealerships and pizza parlors

Past domesticated dogs choking on the leash

A big bad German Shepherd

The coyotes got him surrounded

And they tore that big dog into little bitty pieces

Give Coldwater Canyon back to the coyotes

Last night in Benedict Canyon  
King Coyote in the governor's mansion  
Standing in the middle of the big man's living room  
The Governor could not reach his shotgun  
So he offered King Coyote a pension  
King tore the man's heart right out of his chest

Give Coldwater Canyon back to the coyotes

Now the streets are empty  
And the beachfronts and the studio lots  
The forest grows over the freeway  
And the vines cover whole city blocks  
And all you can hear is that high and lonesome sound

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