

**ECU Storybook Theatre –
“Shooting Star”
A Native American Tale**

**Characters: Narrator
Coyote
The North Star
Stars
Fisherman, Hunter, Runner**

Narrator: Many Moons ago, coyote was a great dancer. More than anything else, Coyote loved to dance. More than fishing (fisherman comes forward and mimes fishing), more than hunting (hunter comes out and mimes hunting) and more than running through the hills (runner comes out and runs in place, Coyote loved to dance. At night, Coyote looked up into the sky and watched the stars dancing.

(Pause while music plays and stars dance)

Narrator: I should like to dance with the stars, thought Coyote. One night Coyote climbed to the top of the highest hill.

Coyote: I want to dance with youuuuuuu~!

Narrator: Coyote called out to the stars, but the stars only laughed.

Stars: (Laughing.)

Coyote: But I am a great dancer!

Narrator: The stars laughed again.

Star #1 : How can we dance with you

Star #2 if we're up in the sky

Star #3 and you are down on the earth?

Coyote: Let me dance with youooooooooo!

Narrator: Suddenly the North Star had an idea!

North Star: I will throw this rope down to earth and pull the coyote up into the sky.

Star #4: Help us pull coyote up into the sky! (to the audience)

Star #5: On the count of three say, “Pull, pull, pull!”

Star #6 : One, two, three!

Everyone including audience: Pull! Pull! Pull!

Star #6 : Again!

Everyone including audience: Pull! Pull! Pull!

Narrator: Coyote caught the rope and the stars pulled him up into the sky. They began dancing together.

(Music plays and stars and Coyote dance)

Narrator: Soon coyote grew tired.

Coyote: I want to stop!

Narrator: But the stars danced faster and faster. Coyote tried to climb on the back of one of the stars, but his paw slipped and he fell to the earth instead and made a great hole in the ground (Everyone make one clap! Music stops) To this day, whenever you see a shooting star, (all stars and audience members wave stars across the air) it is really Coyote falling to the earth! And that was ...

Coyote: Haoowwwwwww! (Howling)

Everyone: The end!