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### Cover Page Footnote

I am grateful to George Conesa and Cindy Brunold for reading and commenting on previous drafts of this story (and other stories!)

## **New Coyote (*qomu'tsau*) Stories**

“About Time”

~Adam S. Wither

No matter how hard HE tried, coyote was always too early or very late ever since humans invented time.

He bet civilization, the planting and harvesting of deities, would ‘very-soon’ follow arboreal life—a hope and a prayer with every leap. But fermenting an inquisitive brain took longer than expected.

He most assuredly miscalculated that music, naturally, would follow ‘*rithmetic* and *rocketeering*’.

He showed up late for salmon dinner and all he got was a nasty quarrel with raven over scraps.

He watched the last human on Earth wearing a Felix wall clock around her neck praying for snow which only came a thousand years later.