

Why There Are Falling Stars

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Synopsis

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Award-winning storyteller Bill Gordh (Film Advisory Board Award of Excellence winner, National Association of Parenting Periodicals Gold Award winner) presents this folk tale live with no script, accompanied only by his own dynamic banjo playing.

The stars used to sing and dance in the nighttime sky. Coyote brags that he sings with the stars. The other animals laugh. Then he asks them if they ever hear him howling at night. They say yes, and he announces that that is him singing with the stars. He has their attention now and he doesn't want to lose it, so he adds some more to his story. He says he also dances with the stars. They laugh. He swears that he does. Then they say that of course he dances on the prairie with the stars in the sky. He says that he dances up in the sky.

The animals say they will come back later that night to see him dance. Coyote doesn't know what to do. He goes out in the prairie and calls up to the stars and begs them to let him dance with them. They say, "OK" that he can dance down there. He says he needs to be up in the sky. They laugh. Morning Star feels sorry for him and says he can come up and dance but that he must dance all night before he can come down safely. Otherwise, if he stops, he will fall out of the sky and that will be the end of Coyote. He says he can dance all night and knows his friends are coming soon. Morning Star brings him up. Coyote is a great dancer.

When his friends see him, he dances even more because he likes them to like his moves. He gets tired and asks Morning Star if he can take a break. The star tells him that he will fall if he stops. He tries but he can't make it. The first falling Star. The next night Coyote is out there again singing to the stars to be able to come up and dance. That's why there periods of the summer why you see falling stars night after night.

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