

## Wild Coyotes of Yellowstone

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The darkness echoes  
the howling of grey coyotes  
in mid-winter 's chill.

Ice and snow abound  
in the Yellowstone of March  
and hares are hidden.

But mates persevere  
chasing game into April  
awaiting new birth.

Yelping and squealing  
young coyotes beg for food  
as summer arrives.

Gold leaves bring autumn  
as nature thickens grey fur  
and warm dens beckon.

Winter comes quickly  
and pups now full grown  
accept their challenge.

As it is with us  
living through seasons of life  
and weathering storms.