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The Beauty of Cardinals

If I had wings, I would be a Cardinal. There are many reasons why and all of them show how I think cardinals are the most beautiful birds on the planet.

I think Cardinals are so important because according to many traditions, they come to your house as spirits of our loved ones who have passed away. My gramps passed away before I was born and I miss him very very much even though I never got to meet him; this makes me super sad, but it helps me when a cardinal comes to my house. That is why I agree with the Native American traditions that believe cardinals are spirits.

According to my mom, the cardinal was my gramps favorite bird. It was even the mascot of the high school he attended. My dad told me that cardinals have been important symbols for a long time. Many different people from around the world have different views, and if you believe like the Hindus do that people get reincarnated when they pass away, then it is possible that my gramps turned into a cardinal. In fact, he might be watching me at this very moment as I am writing this, right now. Nobody really knows for certain, but it really is a comforting thought to think about whenever you have time. The beautiful red cardinal is also a symbol of power for some people. Some also think it means wealth and enthusiasm, which means to be excited or to have fun. One website told me that, “the confidence flowing from the cardinal exemplifies the recognition of its abilities and gifts,” which I think means it has a lot of energy and has a lot of confidence in itself. That is what I think it means, but I am not that good with big words yet at my age.

Something else I think is interesting about cardinals is how very different the males and females look from each other. For example, male cardinals are very bright red, but female cardinals are not as bright and have more brown. Once cardinals mate, they stay together for life. I think that is important because our family sticks together and does what cardinals do. I love my family and when cardinals make a family they never back down and work together to help with their young, just like my mom and dad do with me and my brother.

In conclusion, I hope you can see why cardinals are so fascinating. In my opinion, everybody should love cardinals. They have been around on this planet for a very long time, and I think cardinals bring so much compassion to the world. When I see a cardinal, I think that it is the most happy and most beautiful bird I have ever seen on the planet. I hope you had a fun time reading my story about cardinals.