## **The Most Beautiful Bird of Them All**

One day a Crow looked at himself and became ashamed as all he could see were his flaws and how imperfect and ugly he was. From that point the Crow decided to set out to find the most beautiful bird of them all. While flying high in the sky he came over a lake where he noticed a Swan swimming so eloquently and looking so beautiful with think white feathers that glistened off the water. The Crow knew he had to talk to the swan so he flew down and immediately said, "Swan, Swan, Swan you are the most beautiful bird I have ever seen." "I have never seen a bird more beautiful than you." The swan simply looks up at the Crow and says, "I once used to think so until I saw a Parrot." "The parrot has such beautiful feathers and so many colors; I think the parrot is the most beautiful bird ever."

The Crow knew immediately what he needed to do he set out and flew high into the sky in search of a Parrot. He flew for what seemed to be hours and his wings were getting exhausted but all at once he spotted sitting high up in a tree top a bird fan out his wings with multiple colors shining into the sky. The Crow thought to himself now that is definitely the most beautiful bird I have ever seen so he flies down to the Parrot and says, "Parrot, Parrot, Parrot you are the most beautiful bird I have ever seen." "I have never seen a bird more beautiful than you." The Parrot simply looks up at the Crow and says, "I once used to think so until I saw a Peacock." "The Peacock has the most radiant colors you could ever imagine; I think the Peacock is the most beautiful bird ever."

The Crow once again set out to now find the Peacock as he was flying high in the sky searching for miles yet again until his wings were so exhausted. He finally came upon a Zoo where all of a sudden this bird opened its feathers and the colors beamed into the sky in such a majestic way it stopped the Crow right in flight. The Crow knew immediately hands down this is it, this is the most beautiful bird of them all there is simply no way any other bird could surpass the beauty of the Peacock. The Crow flies down to the Peacock that is kept within a cage and says, "Peacock, Peacock, Peacock you are the most beautiful bird I have ever seen." "I have never seen a bird more beautiful than you." The Peacock takes a moment and simply looks up at the Crow and says, "I once used to think so until I saw YOU." "The Crow steps back and says, "What are you talking about NO WAY I AM NOT BEAUTIFUL" "Not even close to as beautiful as you how could you say

that." "People come from hundreds of miles to come and see you they line up to see your beauty."

The Peacock looks beyond the bars and simply says, "Yes but look at what my beauty has done to me." "It has left me caged and behind bars not free to fly as you do." "I see you fly high into the sky free to be you." That to me is the most beautiful thing ever is getting to be free to be you and not caged.