

*Howard Zimmon (1939-1999)*

CARDINAL

*When I come back  
I want to come back  
as a cardinal  
(the bird that is)*

*& I am going to have  
the crimsonest feathers*

*& the neatest red crown*

*& I am going to eat  
sunflower seeds  
from Howard's feeder*

*& I am going to perch  
on a branch  
and sing all day.*

*This time around  
I am practicing  
for when I come back  
as a cardinal.*