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## Lessons Of The Flowering Plants

Every kind of flower carries a different shape and a different color  
Every flower knows it is unique as well as beautiful.  
The lesson that the flowers show their human Sisters and Brothers is  
one of love without comparison.

The flowers teach us that every color and shape is individual and  
beautiful.  
Without fear of shame, the flowers turn their tiny faces to catch the love  
and light of Grandfather Sun.  
They teach their human counterparts to love the differences in shape  
and form without comparing the beauty of one over the other.  
The Earth Mother nurtures every plant, for they are all her children.  
The Thunder-beings send life-giving rains to water their growth, and all  
are fed by the light of Grandfather Sun.

It is only human beings who fear that they are less than perfect.  
They base their unloving judgments upon the authority of other people  
who are confused, having forgotten that uniqueness and beauty are  
found in *all* parts of Creation.

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