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Red Cockaded Woodpecker

The red-cockaded woodpecker has its own style
For the colony survives by wit and wile,
It makes its nest in pines that are alive,
And around this pine, these birds will thrive.

This woodpecker has only a slight patch of red
Which is found exactly on the back of its head,
It pecks to keep sap running around its hole
Creating a natural form of snake control.

The colony is formed around the colony tree,
It is here that the child-care helpers will be,
For several young males stay around to help,
Raising the young is the hand they've been dealt.

I've heard that this colony of the piney woods,
Has a family heritage perhaps similar to yours,
This endangered species has a family nest,
Which it leaves to the kids, the future addressed.

I find it interesting, this concept of property,
That makes the home tree a type of commodity,
To be passed along as written by evolution,
I think that they've found an interesting solution.

The whooping cranes also have property rights
To avoid crane loss over property fights,
Each pair has a feeding territory to which they return,
A smart solution as well as I can discern.

This cockaded woodpecker is fighting for survival,
It's habitat's overgrown, it needs a revival
Of fires that used to take brush away,
But we're fire averse, and there likely to stay.

And the federal government's proposing to delist
This red-cockaded bird from the endangered list,
So I'm sending out an Earth Church alert,
I'm worried this little fella is gonna be hurt.

So, go out and vote if you've not already done so,
A statement to the President will be heard if you do so,
Our environmental policies have never been worse,
So please vote now to expel this curse.

So welcome to Earth Church,
Pull yourself up a pew,
Pray we have the will
To start government anew.