

# Suppose Columbus

Charles Suhor

wrong been had Columbus Suppose  
sheet this as flat was earth the Suppose  
goodships the And

NINA PINTA MARIA SANTA

East the to get to west Traveling  
the is fact the But

NINA PINTA MARIA SANTA

cliff watery a towards Racing  
the of nests crow's the in And

NINA PINTA MARIA SANTA

"!ho Land" cry to wanting men Frightened  
the on But

PINTA MARIA SANTA

gone was ship sister their that only crying Men  
the on And

MARIA SANTA

gone were ships sisters his that only crying man crazed A  
end the and abyss airy an suddenly And  
Columbus Of

"400-Meter Freestyle" by Maxime Kumin

THE GUN full swing the swimmer catapults and cracks  
s  
i  
x  
feet away onto that perfect glass he catches at  
a  
n  
d  
throws behind him scoop after scoop cunningly moving  
t  
h  
e  
water back to move him forward. Thrift is his wonderful  
s  
e  
c  
ret; he has schooled out all extravagance. No muscle  
r  
i  
P  
ples without compensation wrist cock to heel snap to  
h  
i  
s  
mobile mouth that siphons in the air that nurtures  
h  
l  
m  
at half an inch above sea level so to speak.  
T  
h  
e  
astonishing whites of the soles of his feet rise  
a  
n  
d  
salute us on the turns. He flips, converts, and is gone  
a  
l  
l  
in one. We watch him for signs. His arms are steady at  
t  
h  
e  
catch, his cadent feet tick in the stretch, they know  
t  
h  
e  
lesson well. Lungs know, too; he does not list for  
a  
i  
r  
he drives along on little sips carefully expended  
b  
u  
t  
that plum red heart pumps hard cries hurt how soon  
i  
t  
s  
near one more and makes its final surge. Time: 4:25:9

## The Mouse's Tale

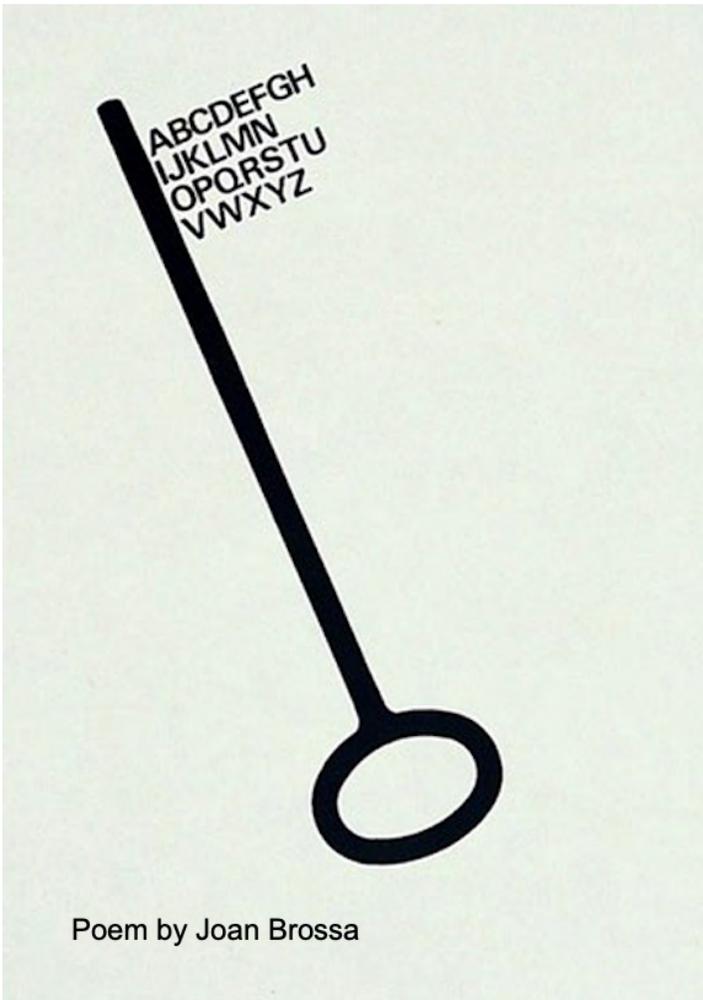
"FURY said to  
a mouse, That  
he met in the  
house, 'Let  
us both go  
to law: I  
will prose-  
cute you. —  
Come, I'll  
take no de-  
nial: We  
must have  
the trial;  
For really  
this morn-  
ing I've  
nothing  
to do.'  
Said the  
mouse to  
the cur,  
'Such a  
trial, dear  
sir, With  
no jury  
or judge,  
would  
be wast-  
ing our  
breath.'  
'I'll be  
judge,  
I'll be  
jury.'  
said  
cun-  
ning  
old  
Fury:  
'I'll  
try  
the  
whole  
case  
and  
you  
down  
me to  
death.'

by Lewis Carroll

This is a square poem.  
This poem is a square.  
Is this square a poem?  
This square is a poem,  
This square is. A poem  
Is a poem - this square.  
This is a poem-square.  
A poem-square is this  
Poem. This is a square.  
A square poem is this  
Square. This is a poem,  
This is. A poem-square.

**Square Poem by Bob Cobbing**





Poem by Joan Brossa

love  
a book of remembrances

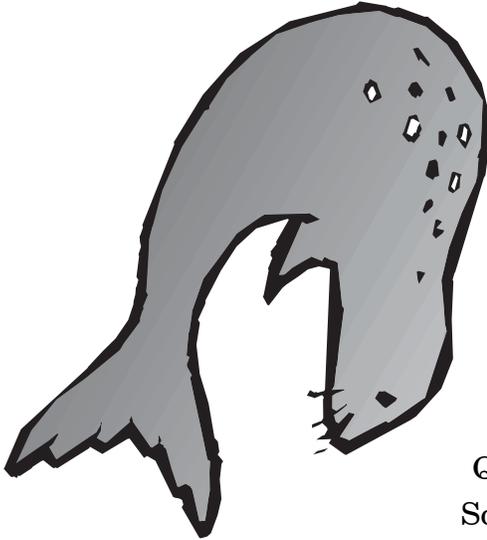
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by B K Nichol

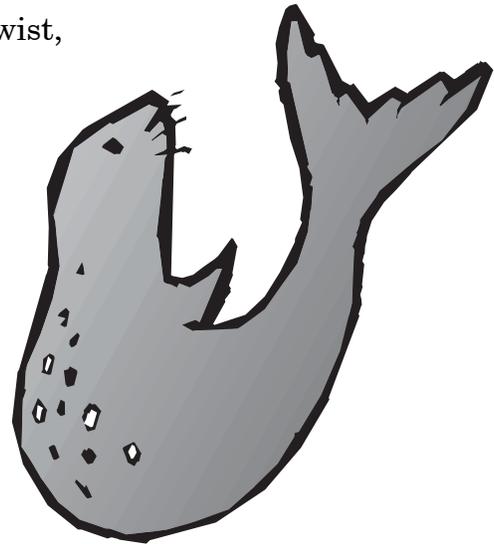
As you read this poem, imagine how a seal moves. Then answer the questions that follow.

## Seal

by William Jay Smith



See how he dives  
From the rocks with a zoom!  
See how he darts  
Through his watery room  
Past crabs and eels  
And green seaweed,  
Past fluffs of sandy  
Minnow feed!  
See how he swims  
With a swerve and a twist,  
A flip of the flipper,  
A flick of the wrist!  
Quicksilver-quick,  
Softer than spray,  
Down he plunges  
And sweeps away;  
Before you can think,  
Before you can utter  
Words like "Dill pickle"  
Or "Apple butter,"  
Back up he swims  
Past Sting Ray and Shark,  
Out with a zoom,  
A whoop, a bark;  
Before you can say  
Whatever you wish,  
He plops at your side  
With a mouthful of fish!



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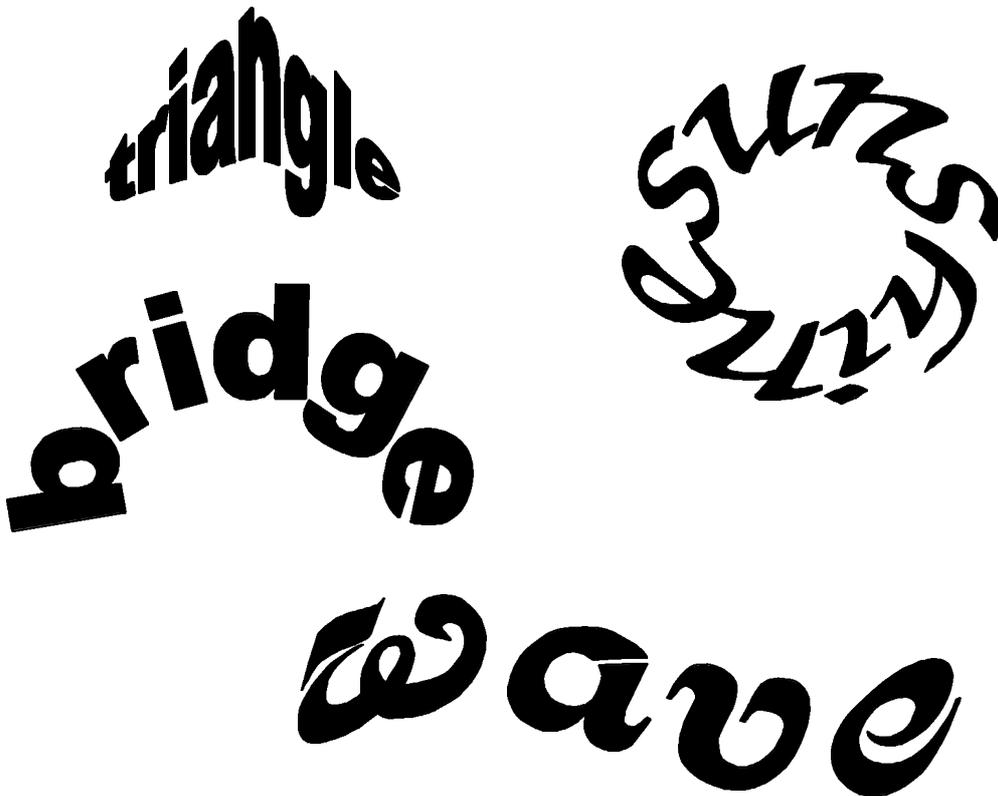
## Calligrams

Use the computer to change each of these words into calligrams.

ghost	rainbow	Giant
spooky	thin	Fat
growth	bubble	Shaky
circle	rain	spin
small	stairs	slide

Remember you can change one letter at a time or the whole word.

Here are a few examples, try these as well if you finish.



# CALLIGRAMS – words & pictures

Click on Insert WordArt (A). Select a WordArt Style. Type your word. Choose a WordArt shape (ABC)

**Word Art**  
*Word Art*

triangle  
circle

bridge  
arch

rainbow  
wave

**rainbow**

sunshine  
shadow

big  
small  
tall

upstairs  
downstairs

grow  
shrink

thin  
thick

**shrink**

## FONTS

Calligraphy

Shadow

MATISSE

*Shaky*

**Can you think of any more?**

# One-Word Verb Calligram Poems

shiver	
swoop	
jump	
climb	
ran	
fall	
explode	
laugh	
pull	
Push	