

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
ples without compensation wrist cock to heel snap to P
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
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u
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that plum red heart pumps hard cries hurt how soon
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t
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near one more and makes its final surge. Time: 4:25:9

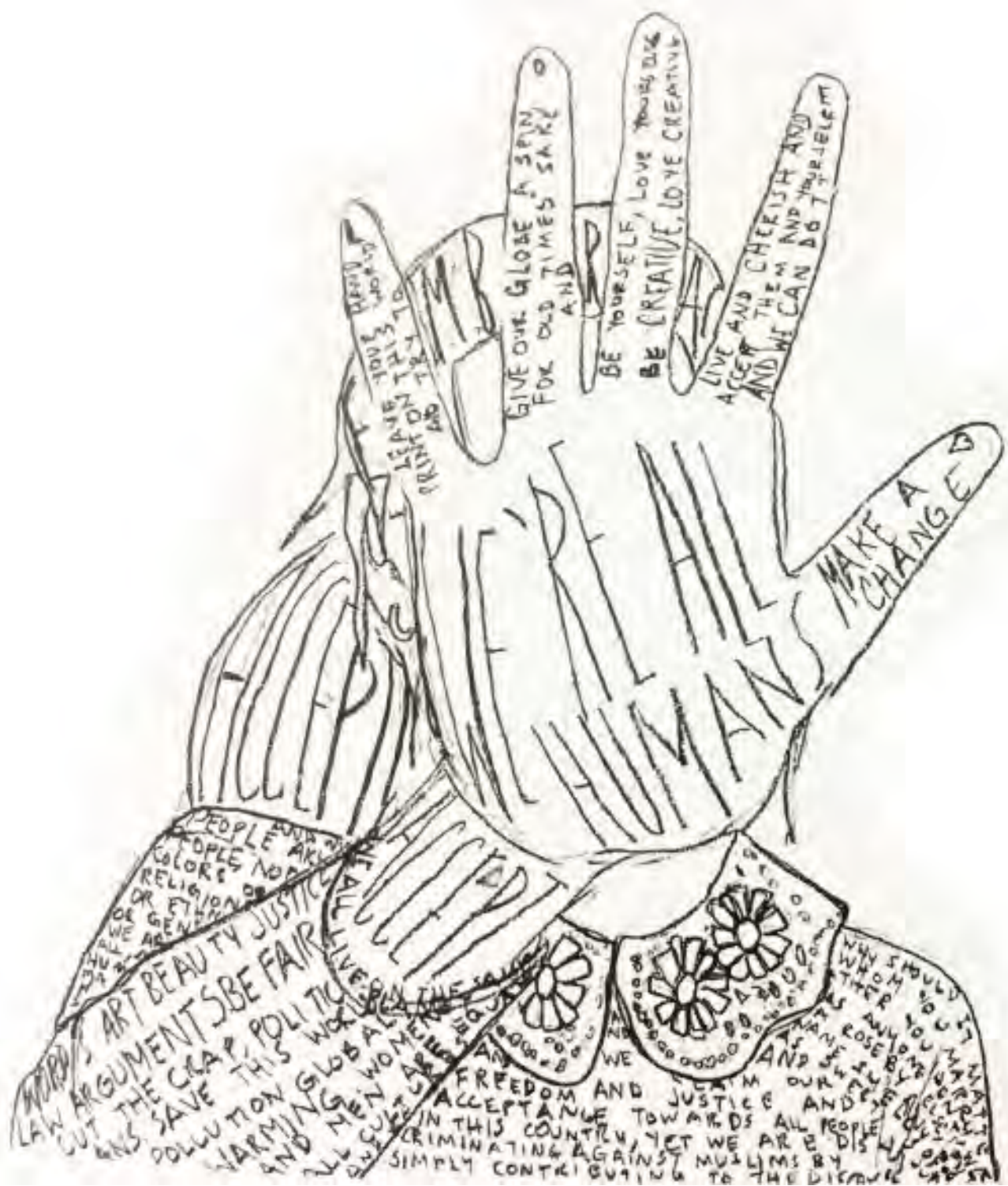
The Mouse's Tale

"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



Untitled by Anonymous



Poem by Joan Brossa

love
a book of remembrances

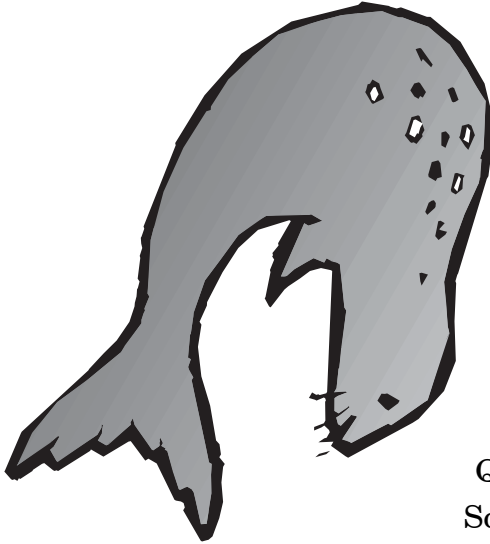
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by B K Nichol

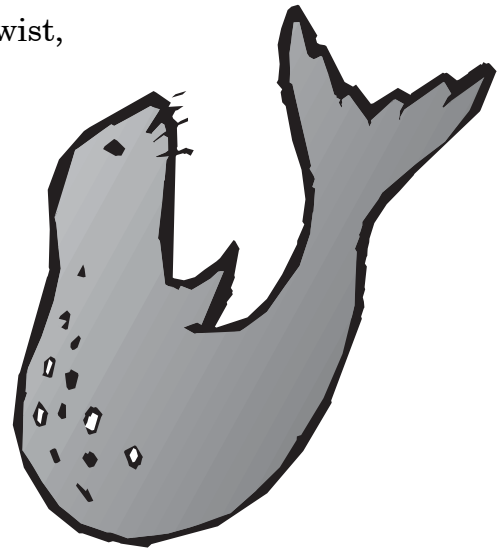
As you read this poem, imagine how a seal moves. Then answer the questions that follow.

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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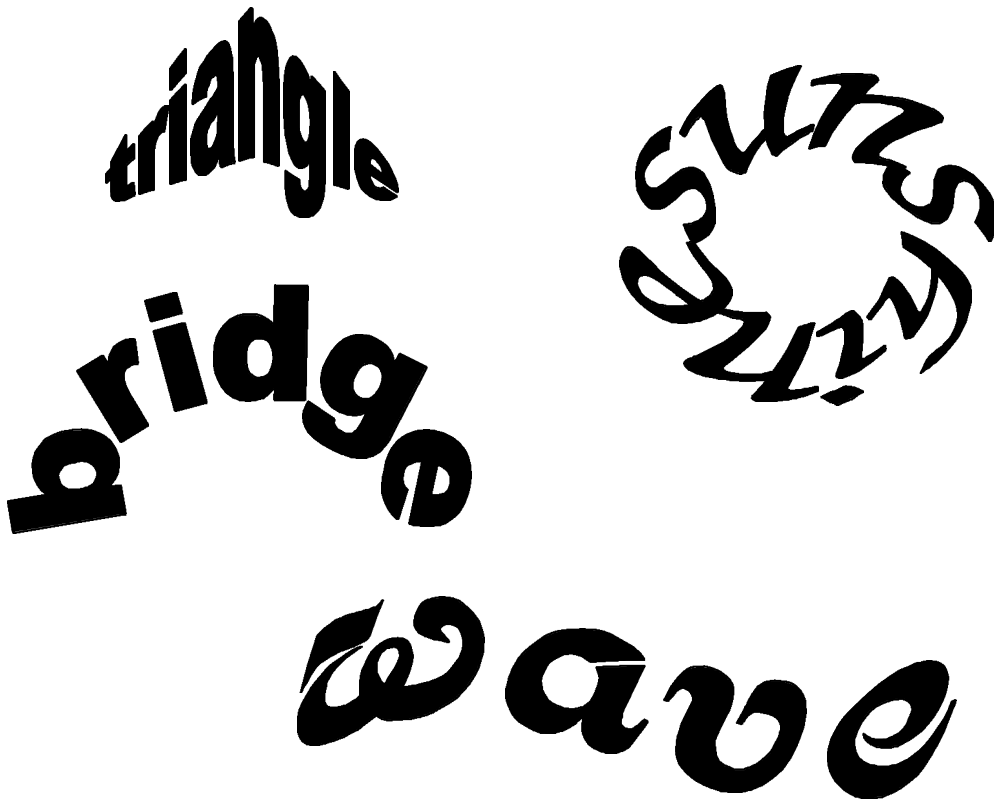
Calligrams

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

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|--------|---------|-------|
| 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

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 | |