

## Calender

1.

From every day that passed , he made a paper bird  
Knowing that when he reached 1000  
He could make a wish.  
In the corner of the room they piled high  
So fragile , strongly beautiful  
They stopped me in my tracks

( To think

Such poetry was going on behind closed doors )  
They didn't say a word.  
Though I knew each one was bursting just to tell  
The thousandth of the wish it held upon its beak  
The wish perhaps that he could pull down the night sky  
And cut a suit from it  
To find all secrets of the Universe  
Scrumpled in the pocket ?

( And a thousandth of that wish would be a word from what he read  
A word which , whispered in your soul , would set your heart on fire )  
Or maybe what he wished for was far more down to earth -  
That he could walk along a beach and leave his footprints in the sand  
Knowing somewhere , someone was following ?

( And a thousandth of that wish would be the sound of one wave crashing )  
Or maybe what he wished for was simply that each day  
He'd taste a certain happiness upon his lips  
( And a thousandth of that wish would be a drop of what he tastes  
Which landing on your tongue dissolves to song )..

2.

I'm bursting too  
To ask " What do you wish for ? "  
But it's not thing a person says  
So let this poem ask those words instead  
" What is it that you wish for ? "  
And could you fold one thousandth of it up into a bird and pile it high ? "  
If you can,  
This poem is for you. Take it, fold it up into a bird.  
And when there are 1000 of them soaring in the sky

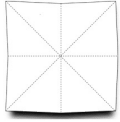
We'll fly.

Sally Crabtree



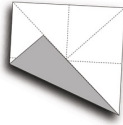
# How to make this poem into a Paper Crane

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Fold the square in half four times from corner to corner and from side to side. Press down creases firmly.

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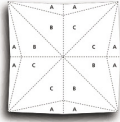


Work round the four sides ( eight times ) from the corners , lining the side up against the corner to corner creases. Press the new creases firmly but only half way.

3.



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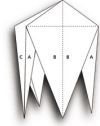
Open out the paper

5.



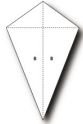
The next step needs a little patience .Press up the side panels ( the ones you made with your last eight creases ) moving all four corners towards each other and shaping the paper so it makes a kind of tent on legs.

6.



Press a ' valley ' fold in two opposite long panels ( A & C in the diagram ) and press down firmly.

7.



Your paper will now look like a kite.

8.



By its point, lift up the unfolded panel facing upwards and bend it back across the top at its widest point. Turn the paper over and do the same with the other side .Your paper is now like a large diamond with legs .You now have to make legs narrower , by folding each one inwards towards the dotted lines. Crease all four legs in same way.

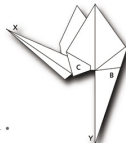
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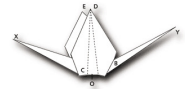


11.



Hold the right hand side ( B ) closed and lift the left ' leg ' ( C ) slowly and carefully, letting its fold reverse. Press at X to hold it in place. Now do the same thing with the right ' leg ' ( B )

12.



X is now the point of the bird's tail and Y the end of its neck. Gently pull out the wings ( D & E ) into position for a gliding flight.

13.



Blow gently into the hole under the body , holding the wing tips so that the body swells out. Turn tip down to make head.

With thanks to Dave Browning for inspiration and Peace Pledge Union for diagrams..