

# An English Paragram

Composed by Ruth Tatlow,  
with much love, gratitude for many encouraging conversations,  
And happy memories of New England crab cakes.

for  
Professor Emeritus Kerala Snyder  
on the occasion of her Eightieth Birthday

*Paragramma Cabbalisticum trigonale.*

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Prof.	399
Em.	93
Kerala	291
Snyder,	716
Pioneering	708
Researcher	718
andd	112
Rôle	339
Modelle	355
for	279
Younge	725
Schol'rs	708

She	222
speaks	533
with	502
Wisddom;	650
andd	112
faithfull	656
Instruction	1297
is	216
on	412
her	204
Tongue	639

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*Alphabetum trigonale:*

A = 1	B = 3	C = 6	D = 10	E = 15	f = 21	G = 28
h = 36	I, J = 45	K = 55	L = 66	M = 78	N = 91	O = 105
P = 120	Q = 136	R = 153	S = 171	T = 190	U, V = 210	W = 231
X = 253	Y = 276	Z = 300				

With a verse from the Bible, the paragram takes  
One among many number alphabets and makes

A paeon of praise on the name and deeds to show  
The great admiration and huge debt we all owe

To the dedicatee, who is Kerry our friend.  
Favour'd by poets the paragram was a trend

In the German baroque for wedding and birthday,  
By combining the verses, a poem or lay

Was written thereafter, in fine Alexandrines.  
So sing of the wisdom and faithful love that shines

Through all deeds she has done. And with joy and with cheer  
We raise hearts and voice for this her eightieth year!