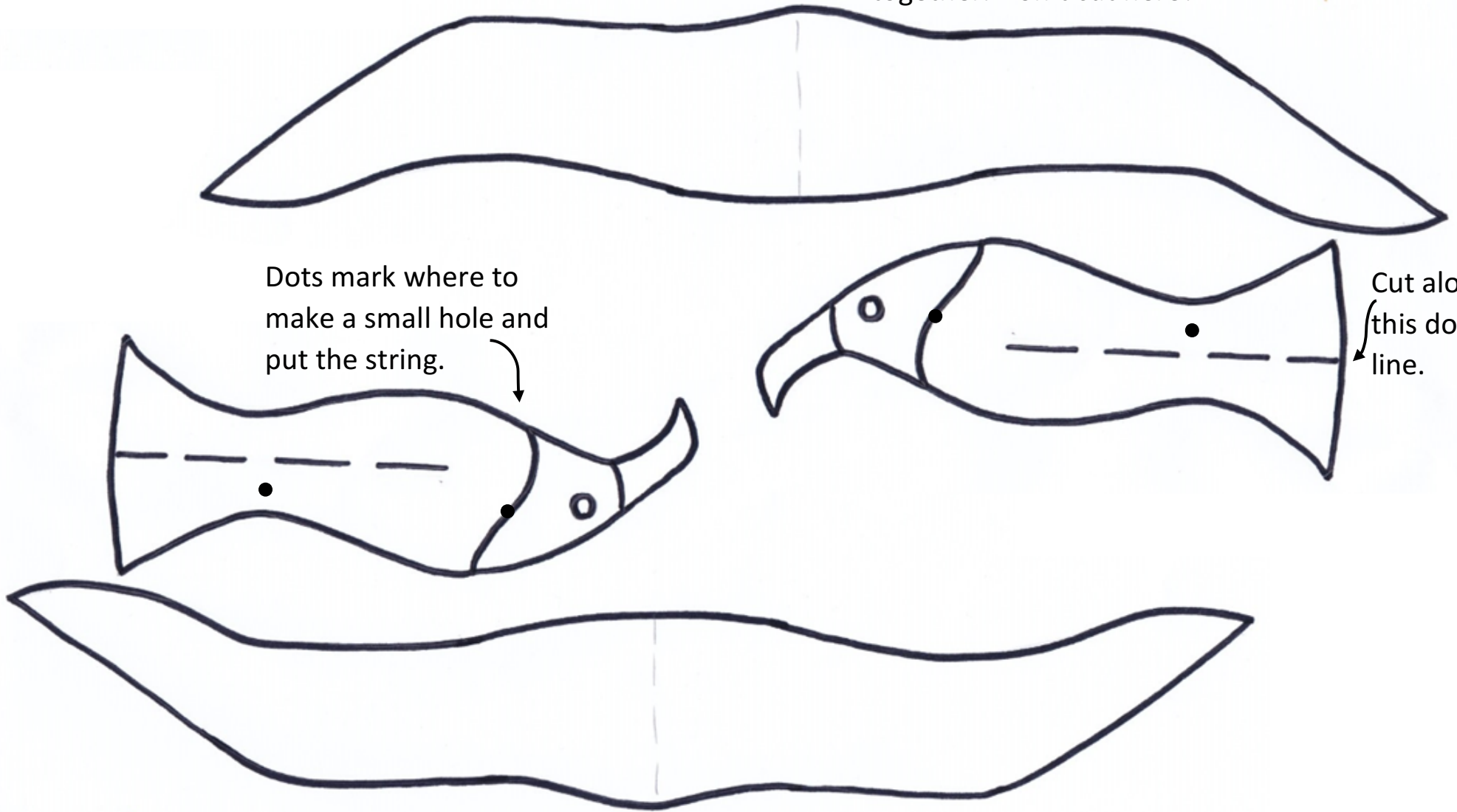


This faint line is a guide for  
when you put the bird  
together. Don't cut here!

Dots mark where to  
make a small hole and  
put the string.

Cut along  
this dotted  
line.



# Albatross mobile template!

**An extract from Part 1**  
**'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'**  
**By Samuel Taylor Coleridge**

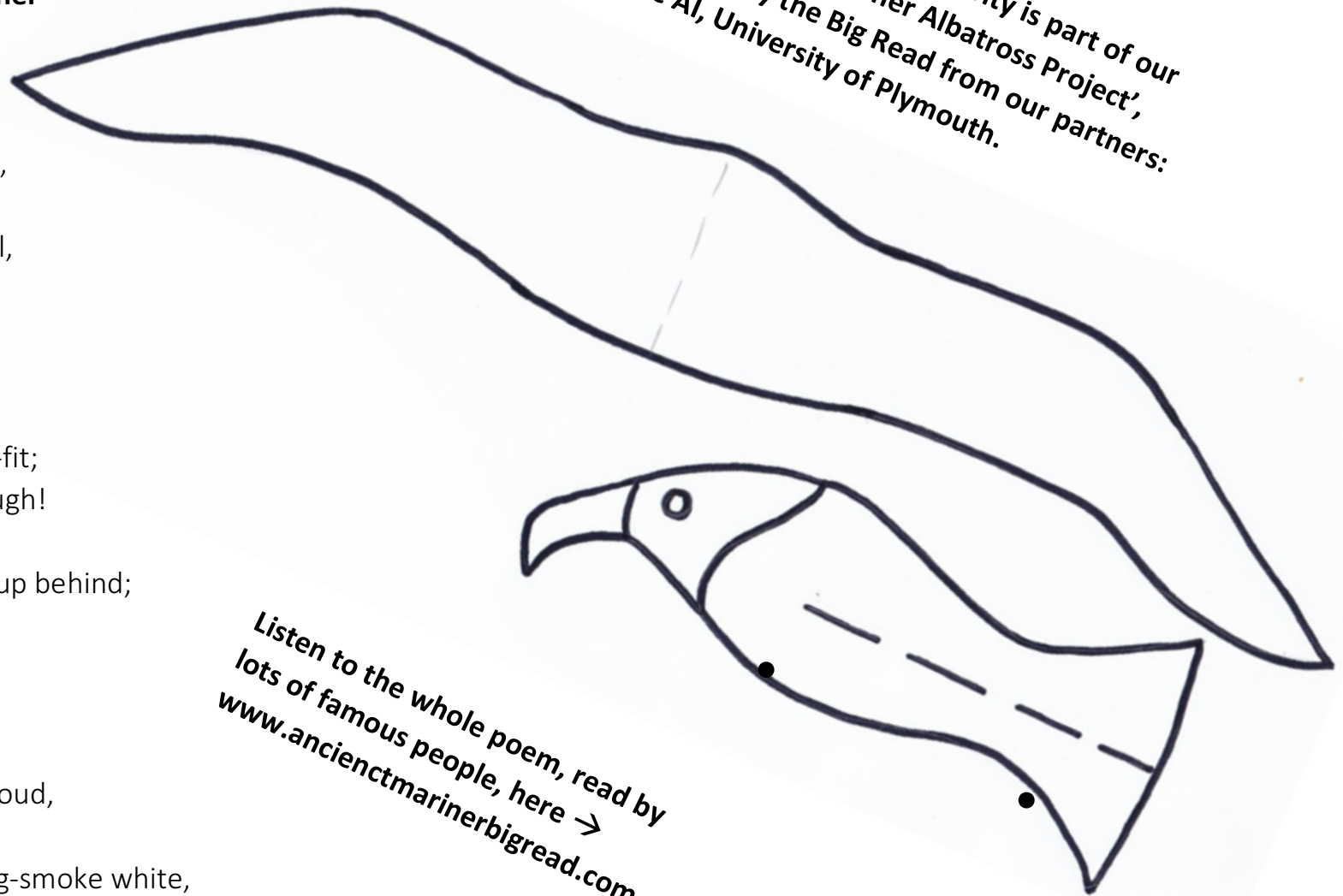
At length did cross an Albatross,  
Thorough the fog it came;  
As if it had been a Christian soul,  
We hailed it in God's name.

It ate the food it ne'er had eat,  
And round and round it flew.  
The ice did split with a thunder-fit;  
The helmsman steered us through!

And a good south wind sprung up behind;  
The Albatross did follow,  
And every day, for food or play,  
Came to the mariner's hollo!

In mist or cloud, on mast or shroud,  
It perched for vespers nine;  
Whiles all the night, through fog-smoke white,  
Glimmered the white Moon-shine.'

*This Space to Create activity is part of our  
'The Ancient Mariner Albatross Project',  
inspired by the Big Read from our partners:  
The AI, University of Plymouth.*



*Listen to the whole poem, read by  
lots of famous people, here →  
[www.ancientmarinerbigread.com](http://www.ancientmarinerbigread.com)*

## How to make your Albatross Mobile

You can also follow step by step photos on our Instagram page [@johnhansardgallery](#)

### You will need:

- Print the template on to card.  
(If you print on to paper you will need some cardboard, such as a cereal box, and some glue to stick the template to)
- Scissors
- String
- Cotton Thread
- 3 sticks  
Find some in your garden or on your walk!
- Anything you have at home to decorate and colour in!

### 1. Decorate your birds!

Use whatever you have at home to decorate and colour in your birds on both sides.

You can use the poem to inspire you!

You can even copy lines from the poem and put them on your albatross.

If you printed on paper – glue the template on to cardboard. (If using old packaging, glue to the printed side, leaving the plain cardboard on the other side for you to colour in!)

## 2. Cut out your birds!

Remember to cut along the dotted line and make small holes (with a pencil or scissors) where marked.

Cut two even lengths of cotton for each bird.

Thread cotton through the holes ready to hand from the frame of the mobile.

(It works best if each bird has a different length of cotton so they will hang at different heights.)

## 3. Make the mobile structure!

Place three medium sized sticks into a triangle and tie each corner with string.

Using three equal lengths of string, tie to each corner.

Tie the loose ends together, making sure the triangle frame hangs level.

## 4. Tie birds to the frame!

Make sure each bird is hanging level.

It works best if they hang at different heights.

## 5. Put on the Wings!

Slide each wing in the middle of the bird and balance wings in their middle.

## YOU ARE FINISHED!

Hang your albatross mobile in your house or garden (on a sunny day) .

We love to see what you make. E mail an image to [vanessa@jhg.art](mailto:vanessa@jhg.art) or tag us on Instagram @johnhansardgallery