

"Spread Your Wings and Fly Little Fledgling"

In Pat's painting, the little fledgling is a personal symbol for the artist whose academics suffered because she had dyslexia. She struggled as a child and was not expected to make much of herself in this life. However, her Grandpa Buckley had a profound influence on her life and helped mold her into the person she is today. With great faith, he patiently listened to everything she had to say, and taught her, "If you want to do something and try your hardest, you will succeed." Despite her dyslexia, she found her means of expression through art and has enjoyed a long standing career as a noted and accomplished artist.

Like the little bird, she inspires others to "open your mouth and sing your own song,"-become the person you truly aspire to be, using all of your God-given talents while being true to yourself.

The Flying Geese strips surrounding the fledgling on this quilt symbolize Pat "spreading her wings to fly," overcoming her disability and soaring into the beautiful artist she is today.

The sun represents "light at the end of the tunnel" and the hope she passes onto children with learning disabilities through the P Buckley Moss Foundation for Children's Education--For Special Learners, Growing Through the Arts. Quilt designed and created by Camelia Elliott.