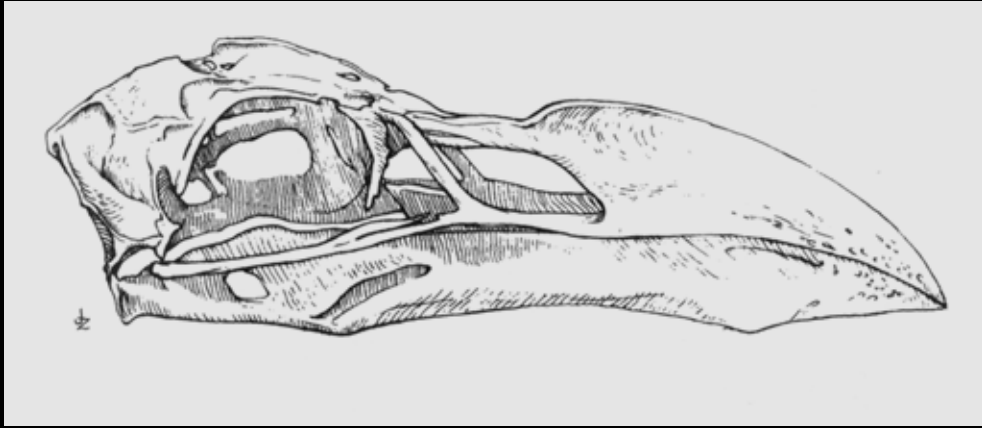


Great Auk Epitaph



**A lost work of art might be reconceived,
Though its first material expression be destroyed;
A vanished harmony may yet again inspire the composer;
But when the last individual of a race of living things breathes no more,
Another heaven and earth must pass before such a one can be again**

William Beebe (1906)