



HOMEWORDS: A Project of the Poet Laureate of Kansas

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This week our poets navigate HOME AS SKY, using the **American Cinquain** as our star to steer by: 22 syllables arranged in five lines this way: 2, 4, 6, 8, 2.

Peggy Heckey of Mission is a mother of five, a grandmother, a third generation Kansan, and “a lover of all things beautiful.” If her poem is any indication, she’s also an avid skywatcher. When did you last lie down and watch the story of the clouds unfurl?

*Which way
will the clouds move
to render the puffy
dragon’s temporary presence
formless*

Born in Wichita, **Dalene McDonald** is the library director at Southwestern College in Winfield. She gives us a cinquain for cozy winter nights.

*The feel
of warm flannel
over sweats and slippers
on a crisp, cold night watching the
sun set.*

As the wise doctor prescribed: an hour of beauty a day.

Poets and poets-to-be of all ages from across the state are invited to submit to HomeWords. For guidelines, visit www.kansashumanities.org.

The Kansas Humanities Council is a nonprofit organization that supports community-based cultural programs and encourages Kansans to engage in the civic and cultural life of their communities.



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