



HOMEWORDS: A Project of the Poet Laureate of Kansas

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Halloween is upon us again, and our theme this month is **home as land**. We're using the **American Cinquain**

as our flashlight to explore the night, its 22 syllables arranged among five lines in this way: 2, 4, 6, 8, 2.

Joe Casad is a writer, editor, and poet who lives in Lawrence. The poet's evocative imagery reveals the beauty in decay and discloses a secret.

*Old bones
of pioneers
are hidden in the hills
you can hear them singing to their
horses*

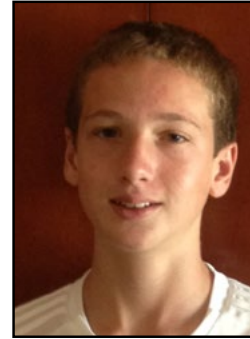
Ty Toney is a seventh grader from Overland Park who loves to read fantasy fiction and sci-fi. He wrote this in a workshop I gave at his school last year, and I found his images striking. Happy Halloween!

Graveyard

*Silent
Ghost scream, black sky,
Rows of broken angels.
Silver shimmer, now it's vanished;
Join us*

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

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