

Sandhill Cranes

Feathered
calligraphy,
winged configurations
trilling the words
only knowable to themselves,
the meaning
of their ancient past
piercing the way through
time and seasons,
guiding with every vowel
and consonant
only to arrive again
and again
signaling a future
unknowable,
again and again
the arrow of their
sprawling,
scrawling words
spell home.

~ Julie Michael Flora

Julie Flora lives and works in Topeka, KS. She lives with her husband, Vaughn, her cat, Lightin' and her happy well-fed chickens. Julie has five children and seven grandchildren. Her roots are Southern, but she claims the Prairie as her home. She moved to KS in 2010 to marry the love of her life. She writes, reads, swims and watches biographical documentaries in her free time. Julie hopes to soon build a studio in which to further engage her creative spirit.