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# THE SANDBURRS

*by Del Cain*

Like sandburrs they came  
Catching rides  
Any way they could.  
Sticking in the sand  
With the buffalo grass  
They hold the land,  
Ancestors of the men  
On counter stools  
In auction barn cafes  
And the worn women who visit  
Holding the handles of  
Shopping carts  
In the summer cold  
Of grocery aisles.  
Sandburrs still who stick  
In the sand  
To the land  
Not hoed out by  
Hail or heat,  
Norther or drought,  
Facing the cyclone  
And the dust devil  
With the same failure to fear,  
Who persevere  
To hold the land  
To root in the sand  
And green the spring  
And bring blood  
From the unwary  
Who think to pluck  
The sandburr from the sand.