

## Sean Sexton

### Edge of Winter

Poetry escapes me of late, not that it's gone.  
A white cow brightens the blonde early winter pasture  
before a backdrop of palms cast in shadow.

*I felt old last night when we didn't go out— my wife  
said to me as we sat with coffee in the quiet morning.  
—It made me unhappy.*

Now she's in the kitchen in lively phone-chatter to a friend.  
I remain, the still glimmering field empty.

A lizard climbs the screen

**Sean Sexton** was born in Indian River County and grew up on his family's Treasure Hammock Ranch. He divides his time between managing a 700-acre cow-calf and seed stock operation, painting, and writing. He is author of two chapbooks and his third full collection of poetry, *Portals* (Press 53,) is due out this Fall, 2022. He performs at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, NV, Miami Book Fair International, Other Words Literary Conference in Tampa, FL and the High Road Poetry and Short Fiction Festival, in Winston Salem, NC. He was nominated for a 2020 Pushcart Prize and received a FL Individual Artist's Fellowship in 2001. He is a board member of the Laura Riding Jackson Foundation ([Lauraridingjackson.org](http://Lauraridingjackson.org)) and founding event chair of the Annual Poetry and Barbeque held each April, now in its tenth year. He also co-founded and curates Poetry and Organ Advent and Lenten Concert Series at Community Church in Vero Beach, FL ([ccovb.org](http://ccovb.org)) featuring nine concerts, annually attracting poets from all over the US. He became inaugural Poet Laureate of Indian River County in 2016.