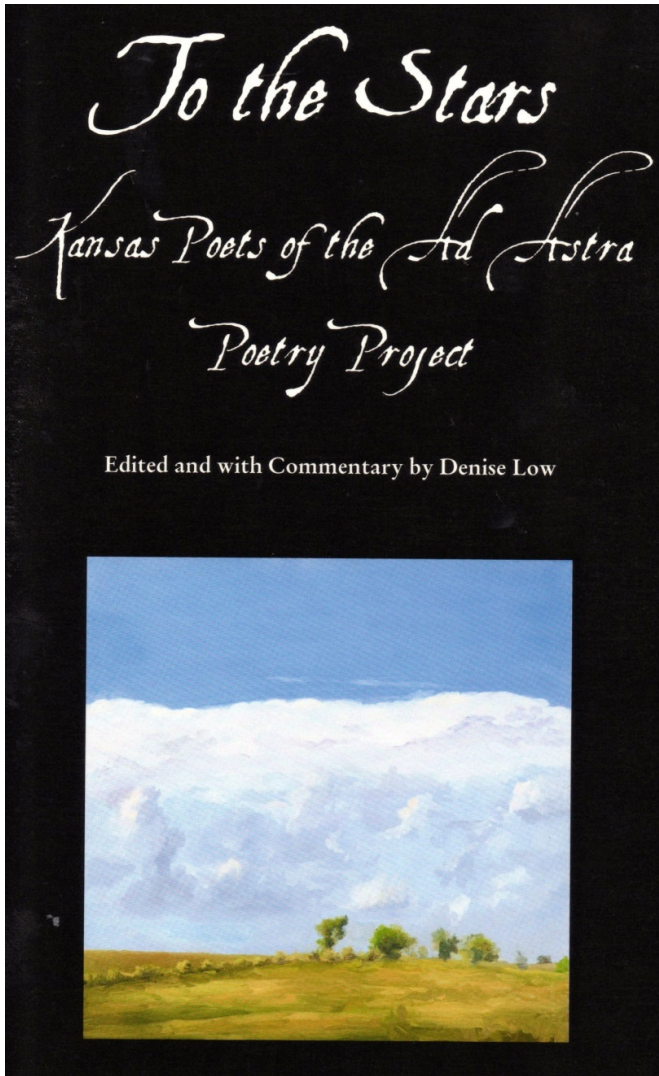


# *To the Stars: Kansas Poets of the Ad Astra Poetry Project*

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