

# Vincent - Don MacClean

Starry, starry night  
Paints your palette blue and grey.  
Look out on a summer's day  
With eyes that know the darkness in my heart.  
Shadows on the hills,  
Sketch the trees and the daffodils,  
Catch the breeze and the winter chills  
In colours on the snowy linen land.

*Now I understand  
What you tried to say to me,  
How you suffered for your liberty,  
And how you tried to set them free.  
They would not listen;  
They did not know how.  
Perhaps they'll listen now.*

Starry starry night,  
Flaming flowers that brightly blaze,  
Swirling clouds in violet haze  
Reflect in Vincent's eyes of china blue.  
Colours changing hue,  
Morning fields of amber grain,  
Weathered faces lined in pain  
Are soothed beneath the artist's loving hand.

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What you tried to say to me,  
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For they could not love you,  
But still your love was true,  
And when no hope was left in sight  
On that starry starry night  
You took your life as lovers often do,  
But I could have told you Vincent,  
This world was never meant for one  
As beautiful as you.

Starry starry night,  
Portraits hung in empty halls,  
Frameless heads on nameless walls  
With eyes that watch the world and can't forget,  
Like the people that you've met,  
The ragged men in ragged clothes,  
A silver thorn, a bloody rose,  
Lie crushed and broken on the virgin snow.

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