

# Vincent

by Don McLean

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

Now I understand  
What you tried to say to me  
How you suffered for your sanity  
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  
Reflecting Vincent's eyes of China blue  
Colors changing hue  
Morning fields of amber grain  
Weathered faces lined in pain  
Are soothed beneath the artist's loving hands

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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 strangers that you've met  
The ragged men in ragged clothes  
A silver thorn on a bloody rose  
Lie crushed and broken on the virgin snow

Now I think I know  
What you tried to say to me  
How you suffered for your sanity  
How you tried to set them free  
They would not listen they're not listening still  
Perhaps they never will

Palette	a thin board or tablet with a thumb hole at one end, used by painters for holding and mixing colors.
Daffodil	a bulbous plant having yellow flowers that bloom in the spring.
Linen	fabric woven from flax yarns
Sanity	the state of being sane; soundness of mind. soundness of judgment.
Violet	Purplish blue.
China blue	a bright greenish blue.
Hue	A particular gradation of color; a shade or tint.
Amber	a pale yellow
Weathered	seasoned or otherwise affected by exposure to the weather.
Soothed	calmed, eased, or comforted
Portraits	a likeness of a person, esp. of the face, as a painting, drawing, or photograph
Nameless	having no name. unknown to fame
Ragged	Tattered, worn-down, torn—refers to the worn-down men and their worn-out clothes
Thorn	a sharp prickle on a plant
Virgin snow	"virgin" means pure; virgin snow is untouched, perfect snow