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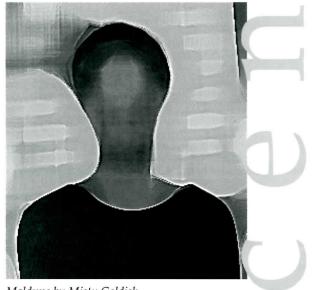
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Maldune by Misty Goldish

PANTOUM FOR

A cypress twists toward the crescent moon, Thick brushstrokes eddying around their forms. The vase of sunflowers is signed, Vincent; His pipe lies on his yellow bedroom chair.

Brushstrokes dancing free around their forms, Two Frenchmen walk along a winding lane. Pipe and tobacco rest on the yellow chair While absinthe drinkers talk in night cafes.

Two men keep walking down the country lane; A cousin's peach tree blushes pink in Arles. While absinthe drinkers talk in night cafes, Firework stars blaze white at Saint-Remy.

The peach tree blooms forever pink in Arles; They say he sold one painting in his life. Stars whirl, blazing white, at Saint-Remy; Did turpentine or absinthe twist his mind?

They say he sold one painting his whole life; A cypress twists toward the yellow moon. Did turpentine or absinthe craze his mind? He simply signed the sun-filled vase, Vincent.

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