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## Pantoum for Van Gogh

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*Maldune by Misty Goldish*

PANTOUM FOR  
VAN GOGH

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.

*Hazel Spire*