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Maldune by Misty Goldish

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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