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His mighty vessel bobs furiously
Like an eggshell fallen in frothy dishwater.
Forgotten windchimes sound
The alarm of the impending storm.

Waves smash against the shore,
Grinding ancient rock to sand.
Wind buffets the army of trees
Keeping vigil at the beach.

The surf roars, sending white caps
To the surface, striving toward the firmament.
Clouds boil, creating pandemonium
In the Abode of the Gods.

The opaline scimitar slices through
Sapphire mists
Unveiling, revealing the course.
Phoebe guides the ship with her crescent beam.

Sailing in the wake of the tempest,
Skimming over waves quelled
By the lunar goddess, he voyages
To Macedonia's mythical mountain.

The captain steers his vessel in a reverie,
The thread of a vision unraveling
As she beckons to him
From her aerie amidst the star.

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van gogh

i stare
expecting to see
the blank face
of a man
self-defined
by his palette and brushes
on a taut canvas

i imagine
your tormented thoughts
translucent perception
lashing out
against an opaque reality
tainted reconciliation
captured in your portrait

looking closer
i observe
the spectrum
of your shaded emotions
quick brush strokes
a precarious balance
hope and doom
the search
and the discovery
in your solemn eyes

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