

Starry, Starry Night (Abridged)

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D	0 1 2	2 1 0 1 2
A	0 1	1 1
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Starry starry night

Paint your palette blue and gray

D	2 1 0 1 2	0 0	0 1 2
A	1 1	2 1 0 1 2	
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Look out on a summer's day

With eyes that know the darkness of my soul

D	0 1 2	2 1 0	1 2
A	0 1	1 1	1
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Shadows on the hills

Sketch the trees and the daffodils

D	2 1 0 1 2	0 0	0 1 0
A	1 1 1	2 1 0 1 2	
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Catch the breeze and the winter chills in colors on the snowy winter land

D	0 1 2 0 1	1 2 3 4 2 2 2
A		
D		

Now I understand

What you tried to say to me

D	0 1 2 1 0 2	0 0	0 1 2
A	1 1 1	2 1 0	
D			

How you suffered for your sanity

And how you tried to set them free

D	2 2 3 2 1	0~0 1 2	0 0 2 0
A		1	2 0
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They would not listen. They did not know how. Perhaps they'll listen now

D	0 1 2	2 1 0 1 2
A	0 1	1 1
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Starry starry night Flaming flowers that brightly blaze

D	2 1 0 1 2	0 0	0 1 2
A	1 1 1 1	2 1 0 1 2	
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Swirling clouds in violet haze Reflect in Vincent's eyes of china blue

D	0 1 2	2 1 0 1 2
A	0 1	1 1
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Colors changing hue Morning fields of amber grain

D	2 1 0 1 2	0 0	0 1 0
A	1 1	2 1 0 1 2	
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Weathered faces lined in pain Are soothed beneath an artist's loving hand

D	0 1 2	2 1 0 1 2
A	0 1	1 1
D		

Starry starry night Portraits hung in empty halls

D	2 1 0 1 2	0 0	0 1 2
A	1 1	2 1 0 1 2	
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Frameless heads on nameless walls. With eyes that watch the world and can't forget

D	0 1 2	2 1 0	1 2
A	0~0 1 2	1	1
D			

Like the strangers that you've met The ragged men in ragged clothes

D	2~2 1 0	1 2	1~1 0	0 1 0
A	1	1	2 1 2 1	
D				

The silver thorn of bloody rose Lie crushed and broken on the virgin sand

D	0 1 2 0 1	1 2 3	4 2 2~2
A			
D			

Now I think I know What you tried to say to me.

D	2 3 4 3 2	0 2 1~1	2 3 5 3 4	4~4
A				
D				

How you suffered for your sanity How you tried to set them free

D	2 2 3 2 1	0 1 2	0 1 0
A		1 1	1 2 2
D			

They did not listen, they're not listening still. Perhaps they never will.