**Unit 4 – Vincent Van Gogh**

**Lead-in**

1. How many famous painters’ names can you think of? Can you name some of their works?
2. What do you know about Vincent Van Gogh?

**Listening to a song: Vincent (Starry starry night)**

Listen to a song about Vincent Van Gogh by Don McLean and complete the missing words.

You **can do this exercise online here**:

[**https://learningapps.org/watch?v=p5y638u5a20**](https://learningapps.org/watch?v=p5y638u5a20)

**Pronunciation & Vocabulary**

1. Find the rhyming words in the song, e.g. hills – daffodils, blaze - haze
2. Now go to pages 36-37 in your book and match the underlined phrases in the song with the relevant Van Gogh painting.

**Speaking**

1. Which of the paintings in the pictures do you like best and why? Describe it to the class.
2. What do you learn about Van Gogh’s life and character from the song? Write down 4 sentences.

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1. How did the song make you feel?

**VINCENT (STARRY-STARRY NIGHT)**

Starry, starry night
Paint your palette blue and gray
Look out on a summer's 1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
With eyes that know the darkness in my soul

Shadows on the hills
Sketch the trees and the daffodils
Catch the breeze and the winter 2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
In colors on the snowy linen land

CHORUS:

Now I understand what you tried to say to me
And how you suffered for your sanity
And how you tried to set them 3)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
They would not listen, they did not know how
Perhaps they'll listen 4)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Starry, starry night
Flaming flowers that brightly blaze
Swirling clouds in violet haze
Reflect in Vincent's eyes of china 5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Colors changing hue
Morning fields of amber grain
Weathered faces lined in 6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Are soothed beneath the artist's loving hand

CHORUS:
Now, I understand, what you tried to say to me
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For they could not love you
But still your love was 7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
And when no hope was left in sight
On that starry, starry night

You took your life as lovers often 8) \_\_\_\_\_\_
But I could have told you, Vincent
This world was never meant for one
As 9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as you

Starry, starry night
Portraits hung in empty halls
Frameless heads on nameless 10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
With eyes that watch the world and can't forget

Like the strangers that you've 11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
The ragged men in ragged clothes
The silver thorn of bloody 12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Lie crushed and broken on the virgin snow

CHORUS:

Now I think I 13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what you tried to say to me
And how you suffered for your sanity
And how you tried to set them free
They would not listen, they're not listening still
Perhaps they never 14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**GLOSSARY**

1. amber: κεχριμπάρι / χρυσοκίτρινο
2. beneath: κάτω από
3. blaze: καίω, λάμπω, φεγγοβολώ
4. bloody: ματωμένος
5. breeze: αεράκι
6. chill: παγωνιά, κρύο
7. china blue: πορσελάνινο μπλε
8. crushed: θρυμματισμένος, κομματιασμένος
9. daffodil: ασφόδελος
10. field: χωράφι, λιβάδι
11. flaming: φλεγόμενος (flame: φλόγα)
12. grain: σιτηρά, σπαρτά
13. haze: ομίχλη, θολούρα
14. hue: απόχρωση, τόνος
15. in sight: ορατός, κοντά
16. lie (lay - lain): κείτομαι, είμαι ξαπλωμένος / είμαι σκορπισμένος
17. linen: λινός
18. palette: παλέττα
19. ragged: ρακένδυτος / κουρελιασμένος
20. reflect: αντικατοπτρίζομαι
21. sanity: πνευματική/ψυχική υγεία, λογική
22. set someone free: ελευθερώνω κάποιον
23. sketch: σκιτσάρω, σχεδιάζω
24. sooth: ανακουφίζω
25. starry: έναστρος
26. swirling: περιστρεφόμενος (swirl: στροβιλίζομαι)
27. thorn: αγκάθι
28. violet: βιολετί
29. weathered: φθαρμένος, ταλαιπωρημένος