

Vincent (MySp G,Am,C,D7,Em7,F7,E7,A7) Don McLean [Strumfest.com.au](http://Strumfest.com.au)

[G] [G] [G] [G] . . . Starry, starry night  
Paint your palette [Am] blue and gray  
Look out on a [C] summer's day With [D7] eyes that know the darkness in my [G] soul  
Shadows on the hills Sketch the trees and the [Am] daffodils  
Catch the breeze and the [C] winter chills  
In [D7] colours on the snowy linen [G] land [C] [G]

Now I under [Am] stand [D7] What you tried to [G] say, to me  
[Em7] how you suffered for your [Am] sanity  
[D7] how you tried to set them [Em7] free  
They would not listen they did [A7] not know how  
[Am] Perhaps [D7] they'll listen [G] now.

Starry, starry night  
Flaming flowers that [Am] brightly blaze  
Swirling clouds in [C] violet haze  
Re [D7] flect in Vincent's eyes of china [G] blue Colours changing hue  
Morning fields of [Am] amber grain Weathered faces [C] lined in pain  
Are [D7] soothed beneath the artist's loving [G] hand. [C] [G]

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For they could not [Am] love you [D7] But still, your love was [G] true  
[Em7] And when no [Am] hope was left in sight on  
that [C] starry, starry night  
You [G] took your life as [F7] lovers often [E7] do  
But I [Am] could have told you, Vincent  
This [C] world was never meant  
For one as [D7] beautiful as [G] you.

Starry, Starry night  
Portraits hung in [Am] empty halls  
Frameless heads on [C] nameless walls  
With [D7] eyes that watch the world and can't for [G] get  
Like the strangers that you've met  
The ragged men in [Am] ragged clothes  
The silver thorn, a [C] bloody rose  
Lie [D7] crushed and broken on the virgin [G] snow. [C] [G]

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[D7] What you tried to [G] say, to me  
[Em7] how you suffered for your [Am] sanity  
[D7] how you tried to set them [Em7] free  
They would not listen they're [A7] not listening still  
[Am] Per [D7] haps they never [G] will [G] [G]