



SMALL WATER COLOUR OF A LANDSCAPE

stepping outside
canvas clean and stretched
I inhale dew, dawn
hoping that purple
comes calling today

FLEMISH PRINTS ON AN AUGUST DAY

warmed by the noon sun
the strong summer breezes
the indigo borders of clouds
I lie beside Van Gogh

under memory of sunflowers—cut
wilting, but never managing to shrivel
on a wall, any wall—here—this is still life
palette loaded
umber, black, orange-yellow
hearing the brush strokes
I listen for the colour of sound

SIGNATURE AND SEALING WAX

bees fly beneath the garden fence
pollen trousers on
climbing to the hive
I paint my name
locking the summer sweetness away

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