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I'd like to tell you a story
Of a man that you might know
His parents, they called him Vincent,
His last name was van Gogh.

He started in drinking and painting
And leading a life of sin.
He fell in with evil companions -
A man named Paul Gogin. (As pronounced)

They went to the city called Ar-les,
To pursue their carnal delights.
They painted all during the afternoon
And they caroused all night.

Now the people in that small city,
Thought he was mighty queer;
So to prove his love for mankind,
He lopped off his outside ear.

They put him in a institution
But they could not keep him there;
He picked up his paints and his easel
And he went out to take the air.

Well he picked up his paints and his easel
And went out to paint some crows;
They found him face-down in a cornfield,
Shot right between two rows....
Oh where did Vincent van Gogh?

as sung by Dr Ira S Posen

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