



VAN GOGH "On the Threshold of Eternity"

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Van Gogh's old man  
 "On the Threshold of Eternity"  
 covers his eyes with tense  
 gnarled knuckles,  
 sits on the old straight-backed chair,  
 his shoes, trousers wearing  
 the end of time,  
 his time,  
 which has bent his back.  
 Shutting himself behind his eyes  
 he looks inward to  
 the threshold of eternity,  
 quarrels with time,  
 the flame in the fireplace  
 warming only a little  
 the hours he has left.

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