

Wilderness House Literary Review 4/3

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ART STUDENT'S NOTEBOOK

UNLIKE CEZANNE

Farm stand baskets are piled high.
All we see is apple pie.

GORKY

Labeled inventor of
"fractured art";
his fractured past was
what he wished to chart.

VAN GOGH

His stars sizzle,
his sunflowers sear;
and we talk mainly
of his missing ear.

SOUTINE

Trees of Paris, streets of Rome...
we'll follow anywhere that isn't home.

DEGAS

He stopped horses at the track,
water on a bather's back,
backstage dancers about to leap,
and his rivals trying to sleep.