Blossom/Yellow: Haystack writing prompt with Stuart Kestenbaum

Robin Brooks, June 28, 2021, revised July 3, 2021, second revision January 14, 2022, third revision April 12, 2022

**What is True About Yellow?**

What is true about yellow?

Wearing yellow can make my skin look green.

And that bright cadmium resting on my palette.

How to tame it?

Yellow.

Yellow is Vincent Van Gogh,

his sunflower paintings,

and shimmering swirls of stars in the night sky.

And then there’s the Yellow House,

Van Gogh’s dream of an artist community.

A dream unfulfilled.

Yellow brightness

masking his pain.

Yellow blooms in my spring garden,

A welcome brightness.

The Daffodils emerge early,

followed by the scented Lemon Lily,

but not before the Snow Drops.

White arrives before yellow.

Yellow—Does it sink or rise?

Is it golden, glowing, and fearsome like the Sun?

Or earthy and dense as ochre,

opaque and heavy?

Yellow is a mystery.

I’ve heard it said that

yellow roses are for friendship.

Because we know what red roses mean.

So now I’m wondering…

what is true for you about yellow?

[www.robinbrooksart.com](http://www.robinbrooksart.com)