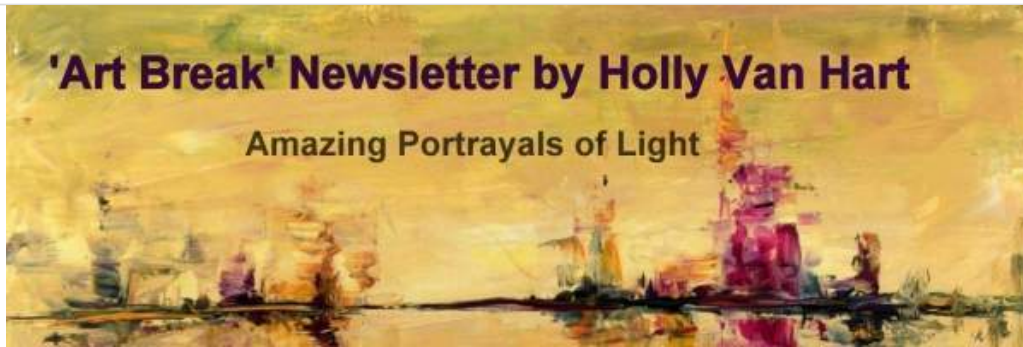


Give yourself an 'art break' and see some amazing portrayals of light in oil paintings.



Hi Fellow art lover,,

Hope you're having an excellent summer. My family and I just wrapped up a 9-week [biking/painting/road trip across North America](#). It was everything we hoped for and more!

This month's 'Art Break' newsletter is about amazing portrayals of light.

If you look at a painting of a mountain or lake or sky and then gasp because of its beauty, it's often because of an amazing portrayal of light. Give yourself an art break, and let's take a look at a couple of examples from the masters . . .

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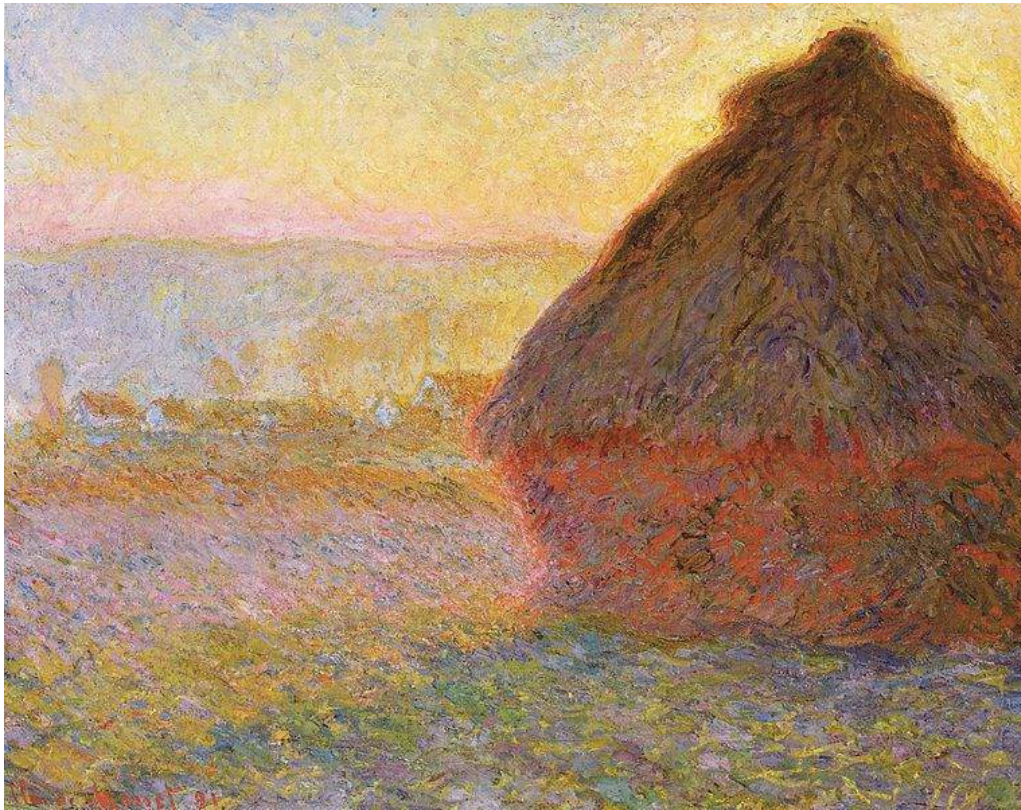
Amazing Portrayals of Light

Two of the all-time masters at portraying light were JMW Turner and Claude Monet. Ever heard of them? :)



"Keelmen Heaving in Coals by Moonlight", JMW Turner, 1835

Turner was known as 'the painter of light', and was one of the greatest British landscape painters of his time. In the above work, take a look at Turner's portrayal of the moonlight on the clouds and in the water, and the firelight and its reflections. Amazing!



"Haystacks (Sunset)", Claude Monet, 1891

Twenty years after Turner's death, Claude Monet founded Impressionism. Impressionism was all about the portrayal of light, and Monet would sometimes work on a dozen paintings a day; each one depicted a slightly different aspect of light. Monet would continue working on these paintings over the course of days, switching from one painting to the next when the time and light were just right.

"Haystacks (Sunset)", above, is one excellent example. What do you think of those sunset purples and reds? They just take my breath away.



"Morning Light", Holly Van Hart

This last work (very humbly put after the two above it) is mine. I'm not claiming that it is amazing. But it is an example of a painting that was intended to capture the morning light over a beautiful little lake in the Sierra Nevada mountains in California. To see another example, in this case a sunset painting from our just-completed biking/painting/road trip across North America, [click here](#).

Painting light was (and is) the focus of a great many artists. Other masters include Vermeer, Valazquez, and Rembrandt. [Who are your faves?](#) We want to know! [Click here](#) to tell us, or to just keep in touch.

Hope you enjoyed your art break :)

Til next time,
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Quote of the Day:

"A day without sunshine is like, you know, night." Steve Martin

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