Apollinaire

Les Sans Culottes

From Saint-Germain-des-Pres To Place Edgar Quinet Un flaneur supercool Un boulevardierBorn in Rome, near the Spanish Stairs A guy called Guy, Guy Apollinaire A nom de plume, a nom de guerre For nursing poetry like an au pairA guy named Guy Apollinaire ApollinaireFrom Montmartre to Parnasse The most obscure of his deeds Had a tremendous purpose Mastered the rules of rhyme and meter At life's banquet he was a big eaterFrom Saint-Germain-des-Pres To Place Edgar Quinet Un flaneur supercool, un boulevardier Led the avant garde from the top of Montmartre Part Baudelaire, part Warhol superstarSaid he spirited Mona Lisa from the Louvre But the writer of 'Alcools' was a spirits lover Lived in the zone of pure desire The great French language versifier

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