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Planetary Dance

for SSA unaccompanied

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PLANETARY DANCE was commissioned by Ronald Corp and the New London
Children's Choir

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Duration: 3 minutes

Mercury is the nearest planet to the sun:
on Mercury there are eighty-eight days between sunrise and sunset.

Venus, by far the brightest planet of all,
stormy and hostile, its atmospheric pressure is ninety times the pressure here on earth.

Earth is the only planet known to support life;
planet Earth is home to a little over six billion people.

Mars is the red planet, with a reddish-pink sky;
Mars has a volcano fifteen miles high - three times as high as the highest mountain here on earth.

Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system;
its yellow surface is made up of hydrogen and helium gasses.

Saturn, the most beautiful object in the sky,
is encircled by rings made of millions of particles of ice.

Uranus appears as a bluish-greenish disk;
Uranus takes eighty-four years to orbit the sun.

Neptune is bitterly cold, its surface temperature is minus two hundred and twenty degrees;
Neptune is made of ice, with wispy clouds of methane and is very, very windy.

Pluto, the furthest planet from the sun, was only discovered in nineteen twenty-nine;
Pluto is smaller than the moon and may not even be a proper planet at all.

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Bright, lively (q = c.120)

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

SEMI-CHORUS

f

Mer-cu-ry is the near-est plan-et to the sun, on Mer-cu-ry there are eight-y eight

7

f

Ve-nus, by far the bright-est pla-net of all,

FULL *f*

days be-tween sun-rise and sun-set.

f

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storm-y and hos-tile, its at-mos-pher-ic pres-sure is nine-ty times the pres-sure here on earth.

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SEMI-CHORUS

f

Earth is the on-ly plan-et known to sup-port life; plan-et Earth is home to a lit-tle

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f

Mars is the red plan-et, with a red-dish pink sky;

FULL f

o-ver six bil-lion peo-ple. Mars is the red plan-et, with a red-dish pink sky;

f

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Mars has a vol-ca-no fif-teen miles high, three times as high as the high-est moun-tain here on

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43

SEMI-CHORUS

f

earth. Ju-pi-ter is the larg-est plan-et in the so-lar sys-tem; its

earth.

earth.

51

yel-low sur-face is made up of hy-dro-gen and he-li-um gas-ses.

57 FULL *mf*

Sa - turn, the most beau - ti - ful ob - - -

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65

- ject in the sky, is en - cir - - - - - cled by

- ject in the sky, is en - cir - - - - - cled by

- ject in the sky, is en - cir - - - - - cled by

75

rings. made of mil - lions of par -

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83

- - - - - ti - cles of ice.

- - - - - ti - cles of ice.

- - - - - ti - cles of ice.

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SEMI-CHORUS
mp

U - ra - nus ap - pears as a blu - ish, green - ish disk; U - ra - nus takes

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99

p

Nep - tune is

FULL *p*

eight - y - four years to or - bit the sun. Nep - tune is

FULL *p*

eight - y - four years to or - bit the sun. Nep - tune is

105

bit - ter - ly cold, its sur - face temp - 'ra - ture is mi - nus two

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hund - red and twen - ty de - grees; Nep - tune is made of ice, with

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crescendo

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wisp - y clouds of me - thane and is ve - ry, ve - ry — wind -
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 wisp - y clouds of me - thane and is ve - ry, ve - ry — wind -

poco a poco

mf

130

- - - - - dy. ———— Plu - to, the fur - thest
poco a poco - - - - - dy. ———— Plu - to, the fur - thest
poco a poco - - - - - dy. ———— Plu - to, the fur - thest

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plan - et — from the sun, was on - ly dis - co - vered in nine - teen twen - ty nine; Plu -
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-to is smal - ler — than the moon and may not e - ven be a pro - per plan - et at all.
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