



THE INNER PLANETS

Themes from Mercury, Venus, and Mars

GUSTAV HOLST

Arranged by

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Instrumentation

1 - Full Score
8 - Violin 1
8 - Violin 2
5 - Viola
5 - Violoncello
5 - Double Bass

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The Arranger

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About the Music

The Planets is a suite of seven movements written between 1914 and 1916 by English composer Gustav Holst. This is an arrangement of themes from the three planets closest to the sun. Holst's suite included neither Earth nor Pluto; Pluto was not discovered until 1930, but this is irrelevant—as his intent was to score musical images of only the planets associated with the Zodiac. The subtitles of each movement are references to the ancient gods associated with the planets.

Mercury, the Winged Messenger

This is the planet closest to the sun, and in the fastest orbit around the sun. In the opening the eighth note arpeggios should flow buoyantly and seamlessly between the sections.

In measure 11 the E harmonic, which sets up the ostinato, is the octave harmonic on the E string played with 4th finger. It changes to a B in measure 26. This harmonic can be played on the E string with the 4th finger in first position. Select just a few players for the harmonics so they are audible yet in the background, and so that the voices in the upper strings at measure 14 are in balance. Consecutive staccatos should be off the string, emulating fanfares.

Venus, the Bringer of Peace

Venus is the brightest star in the nighttime sky. Its perpetual cloud cover supports the musical choices made by Holst. Descriptions of this movement include the words simple, peaceful, calm, soothing, tranquil, serene and mystical. Intonation must be attended to for the clustered chord structures to be effective, in stark contrast to the following movement.

Mars, the Bringer of War

Mars is the red planet and corresponds to the bloodshed of war. The asymmetrical beat pattern in the ostinato supports the fierce and resolute nature of the movement. At measure 93 the upper strings are asked to divide and half play *col legno*—that is, tapping the string at pitch with the wood of the bow. This applies to the ostinato only. *Naturale* indicates that all should bow normally. From measure 126 to the end, performers must embrace and affirm the dissonances. When the dissonances resolve, the pitches must be beautifully in tune for closure.

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Mercury, the Winged Messenger

Vivace (♩. = 120)

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

p

pizz.

pp *sempre*

div. (one or two stands on upper part)

IV - - - - -

6 7 8 9 10 11



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upper half

12

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

12 13 14 15 16 17 *f*

20

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

18 19 20 21 22 23 *f*

26

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

24 25 26 27 28 29

p *f*

30

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

30 31 32 33 34 35

p *f* *pizz.* *arco* *f*

34 L'istesso tempo (♩ = 120)

36

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

36 37 38 39 40 41 42

p *pizz.* *pizz.* *pizz.* *III*

39 L'istesso tempo

(opt. div.)⁴
(pizz.)¹

III

45 pizz.

Vln. 1 *mf*

Vln. 2 *mf*

Vla. *mf* *L'istesso tempo* arco

Vcl. *mf* *L'istesso tempo* arco

D.B. *mf* arco

43 44 45 46 47 48 49

51 arco

Vln. 1 *f* *L'istesso tempo*

Vln. 2 *f* *L'istesso tempo* arco

Vla. *f* *L'istesso tempo* arco

Vcl. *f* *L'istesso tempo* arco

D.B. *f* *L'istesso tempo* arco

50 51 52 53 54 55 56

57

Vln. 1 *p*

Vln. 2 *p*

Vla. *mf* *L'istesso tempo* arco

Vcl. *p*

D.B. *p*

57 58 59 60 61 62 63

Venus, the Bringer of Peace

64 Adagio (♩ = 72)

64 65 66 67 68 69 70

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla. (Vcl.)

Vcl.

D.B.

div. *p* *pp*

div. *p* *pp*

p *pp*

III

IV

III: 1 L2 3) *p* *pp*

pizz. *p* *pp*

IV

71 72 73 74 75 76 77

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

p *pp*

p *pp*

L1

p *pp*

arco 2 1 2 4

I½

pp arco *pp*

4 stagger bowing

II

78 79 80 81 82 83 84

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

div. *p* *pp*

3

(Vcl.) *p* *pp*

1 2

IV

p

I

93 Mars, the Bringer of War
Allegro (♩ = 144)
(3+2)

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

div.

97 98 99 100 101

This image shows a page of a musical score for a string quartet, covering measures 102 through 106. The score is written for five parts: Violin 1 (Vln. 1), Violin 2 (Vln. 2), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vcl.), and Double Bass (D.B.).

- Measure 102:** Vln. 1 plays a half note G4. Vln. 2 plays a triplet of eighth notes (F4, G4, A4). Vla. plays a half note G3. Vcl. and D.B. play a triplet of eighth notes (F3, G3, A3).
- Measure 103:** Vln. 1 plays a half note F4. Vln. 2 plays a triplet of eighth notes (F4, G4, A4). Vla. plays a half note F3. Vcl. and D.B. play a triplet of eighth notes (F3, G3, A3).
- Measure 104:** Vln. 1 plays a half note E4. Vln. 2 plays a half note D4. Vla. plays a half note E3. Vcl. and D.B. play a triplet of eighth notes (F3, G3, A3).
- Measure 105:** Vln. 1 plays a half note D4. Vln. 2 plays a half note C4. Vla. plays a half note D3. Vcl. and D.B. play a triplet of eighth notes (F3, G3, A3).
- Measure 106:** Vln. 1 plays a half note C4. Vln. 2 plays a triplet of eighth notes (F4, G4, A4). Vla. plays a half note C3. Vcl. and D.B. play a triplet of eighth notes (F3, G3, A3).

Dynamic markings include *mf* (mezzo-forte) in measures 105 and 106. Performance instructions like "div." (divisi) and "3" (triplet) are present. A large red watermark "Copyrighted Material" is overlaid on the right side of the page.

110

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

107 108 109 110

mp naturale div.

f

mp 3

Violin 1 (Vln. 1) and Violin 2 (Vln. 2) parts are in treble clef. Viola (Vla.) is in alto clef. Violoncello (Vcl.) and Double Bass (D.B.) are in bass clef. The score shows measures 111 through 114. A large red watermark 'Legal' is overlaid diagonally across the page. The measures are numbered 111, 112, 113, and 114 at the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 3/4. The dynamics include *f* (forte) in measure 111. The Viola part has a *V* (Vibrato) marking in measure 112. The Double Bass part has a *3* (triple) marking in measure 111.

117

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

115 116 117 118

f *f* *f* *f* *f*

3 3 3 3 3

non div.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

119 120 121 122

f *f* *f* *f* *f*

3 3 3 3 3

div. V

124

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

123 124 125 126

ff *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

3 3 3 3 3

$\text{♩} = 84$

130

Vln. 1 *mf* *p*

Vln. 2 *mf* *p*

Vla. *mf* *p*

Vcl. *p*

D.B.

127 128 129 130 131

135 $\text{♩} = 84$ molto meno mosso e rallentando

Vln. 1 *cresc.* *fff*

Vln. 2 *cresc.* *fff*

Vla. *cresc.* *fff*

Vcl. *IV cresc.* *fff*

D.B. *p cresc.* *fff*

132 133 134 135 136

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

137 138 139 140 141 142