

HOLST: The Planets

Arranged for wind quintet and piano by Lisa Portus

1. Mars, the Bringer of War

Allegro

Horn in F

Bassoon

Allegro

Piano

8^{va}

8

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

Pno.

8^{va}

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2. Venus, the Bringer of Peace

Adagio

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in Bb

Horn in F

Piano

p *pp* *p* *pp* *p* *pp*

This section of the score is marked 'Adagio' and features five staves. The Flute, Oboe, and Clarinet in Bb parts begin with a rest, followed by a melodic line starting on the second measure. The Horn in F part starts with a melodic line from the first measure. The Piano part provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands. Dynamics include piano (*p*) and pianissimo (*pp*).

11

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

Pno.

pp *pp* *p*

This section of the score is marked '11' and features six staves. The Flute part has a melodic line with a box labeled 'A' at the end. The Oboe part has a melodic line with a box labeled 'A' at the end. The Clarinet part has a melodic line. The Horn and Bassoon parts have sustained notes. The Piano part provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands. Dynamics include pianissimo (*pp*) and piano (*p*).

3. Mercury, the Winged Messenger

Vivace

Flute Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in Bb

Horn in F

Bassoon

Piano

Picc. Piccolo

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

Pno.

8va

The musical score is written for a woodwind ensemble and piano. It is in 6/8 time and marked 'Vivace'. The score is divided into two systems. The first system (measures 1-8) features Flute, Oboe, Clarinet in Bb, Horn in F, Bassoon, and Piano. The Flute part begins with a melodic line starting in measure 3. The piano accompaniment is active throughout. The second system (measures 9-16) features Piccolo, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet in Bb, Horn in F, Bassoon, and Piano. The Piccolo and Flute parts have a prominent four-measure phrase starting in measure 9. The piano accompaniment continues with rhythmic patterns and chordal textures.

4. Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity

Allegro giocoso Flute

Flute *f sempre stacc.*

Clarinet in Bb *f sempre stacc.*

Horn in F *f molto pesante*

Allegro giocoso

Piano *f sempre staccato*

9

Fl. *p cresc.* *ff sempre stacc.*

Ob. *f* *mf* *f cresc.* *ff sempre stacc.*

Cl. *p cresc.* *ff sempre stacc.*

Hn. *mf* *ff*

Bsn. *f* *mf* *ff*

Pno. *p cresc.* *ff sempre stacc.*

5. Saturn, the Bringer of Old Age

Adagio

Flute

p *simile*

Adagio

Piano

p (like harp harmonics) *simile*



10

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Pno.

pp *pp* *pp cresc.* *f*

6. Uranus, the Magician

Vivace

Oboe *ff*

Horn in F *ff*

Bassoon *ff* *p*

Piano *ff* *pp*



12

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

Pho.

p *cresc.*

7. Neptune, the Mystic

Andante (3+2)

Flute *pp*

Oboe *pp*

Clarinet in Bb *pp*

Piano *pp sempre una corda*

7

Fl. *pp*

Ob. *pp*

Cl. *pp*

Bsn. *pp*

Pno. *pp*