Lesson 6 – Gustav Holst

Lesson 6 - Gustav Holst - 'The Planets made him a star'

Knowledge Objective/goal	Task	Lesson Detail	Vocabulary
To review learning on Gustav Holst. To create a composition for the planet Earth that Gustav did not include.	Task: Children to work in groups to use instruments to compose a piece of music that could represent the planet earth. Can they think of a character name for the planet earth? Children to share compositions briefly and complete end of topic multiple choice quiz.	Begin lesson listening to a sample of: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_v8G0fo4Wo which Prior Learning: The seven movements of the planet suite by Gustav Holst. Teach - Explain to the children that within the music of the planets, planet Earth was not included because we live on planet earth and he was focusing on planets that are in outer space. Pluto was not discovered until 1930 and so this was not included in the suite, however in 2000 the British composer Collin Matthews was asked to write a piece of music which is known as Pluto the Renewer, which is what we listened to at the beginning of the lesson. Task - Children to work in groups to use instruments to compose a piece of music that could represent the planet earth. Can they think of a character name for the planet earth? Children to share compositions briefly and complete end of topic multiple choice quiz. Plenary: Share answers of multiple choice quiz.	Gustav Holst - British Composer, arranger and teacher. Pluto - Is a dwarf planet in the Kuiper belt. Collin Matthews - British Composer. Relevant Musicians: Gustav Holst Collin Matthews

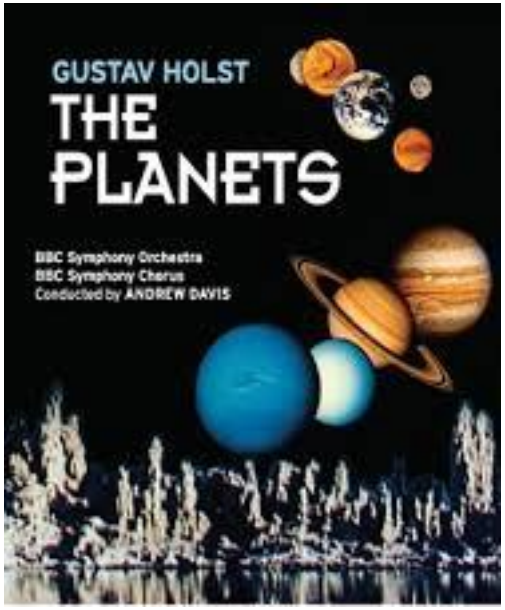
Suggested Resources:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_v8G0fo4Wo - Pluto the Renewer.

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Gustav Holst:
The Planets Made Him a Star







Let's Listen https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_v8G0fo4Ws



What instrumental families can you hear in this piece of music?

Where do you think this piece might be played?

How does the music make you feel? Why?

What are the dynamics?

Were there lots of instruments playing or just one?

What is the tempo?

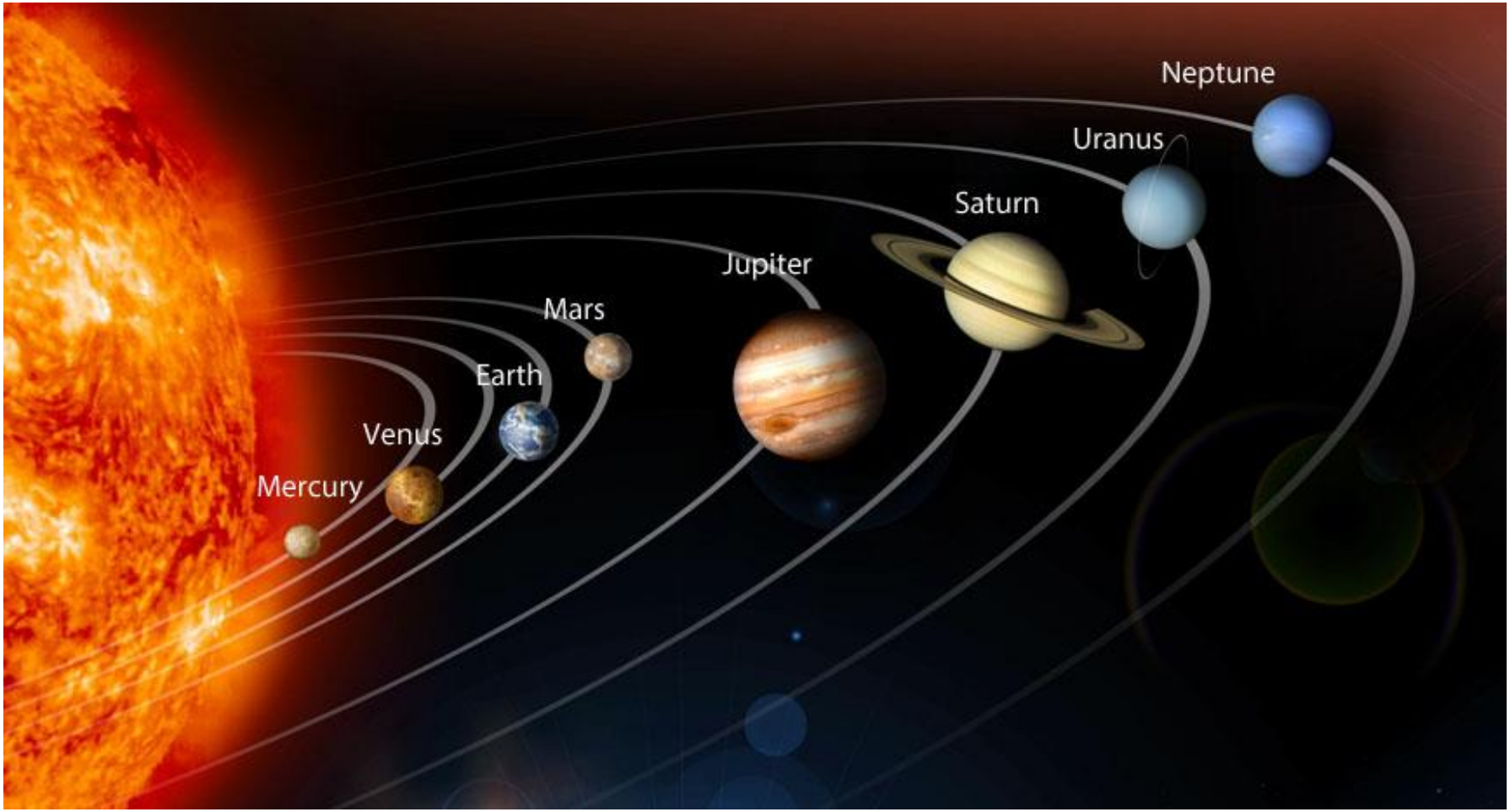
What style of music do you think this is?

What is the general texture of the piece?

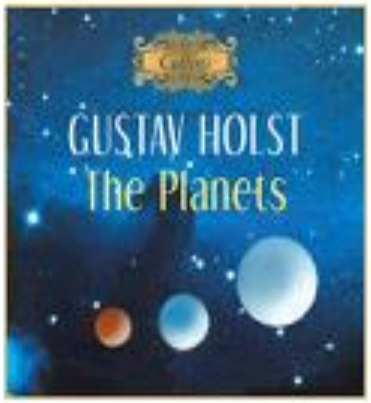
Have you heard it before?

Prior Learning

Think back to all our learning on the Seven Movements of the Planet Suite by Gustav Holst.



Our Knowledge Organiser



Written between 1914-1916
by British composer Gustav Holst

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Gustav Holst
21 September 1874 – 25 May 1934



Composer Gustav Holst who was born in 1874 in Cheltenham where his Father was a music teacher which was a big inspiration for Gustav. From a young boy Gustav was always interested in music and learnt to play the violin and piano but due to the family being so poor Gustav's Father had to borrow money to send him to the Royal College of London to study music. He eventually started to play the Trombone instead of the piano as due to cramp in his hands playing the piano was extremely painful. He practised the trombone while he walked through fields which scared the sheep!

Vocabulary

Composer – author of music

Inspiration - Something that stimulates you to feel or do something.

Solar System – The bound system of the sun and the objects that orbit around it.

Ascending – To rise/go up

Eerie – Strange, mysterious and frightening



Key Vocabulary



Gustav Holst – British Composer, arranger and teacher.

Pluto – Dwarf planet in the Kuiper belt.

Colin Matthews – British Composer.

L.O: To review learning on Gustav Holst.
To create a composition on the planet earth.



Here are today's key words:

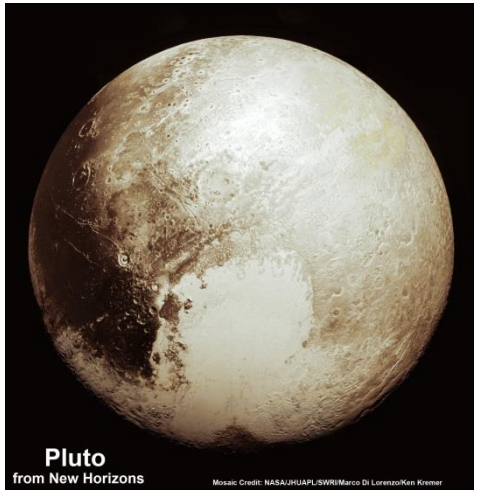
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Pluto

Colin Matthews

Teach

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Task

Listen to Pluto from the planet suite

Research: Pluto the Roman god.

Pluto is the **god of the underworld in Roman mythology**. Pluto was also the god of wealth because diamonds and other jewels come from underground. A myth about Pluto is that he took Proserpina , who was the daughter of Ceres , to the underworld to be his wife.



Roman gods and goddesses

(Chorus)
Roman gods and goddesses,
Dancing round in space,
Moving round, like planets,
Each one in their place,
Worship them in temples,
Plenty (just in case!)
Roman gods and goddesses,
Meet them, face to face.

Here comes mighty Jupiter,
Thundering along,
Keeps a watch for Mars as
He sings his war-like song.
On the hunt, Diana,
Goddess of the Moon.
Spreading love is Venus,
Bringing Springtime soon.

(Chorus)
Roman gods and goddesses...

Janus looks out both ways,
Brings the New Year in,
Minerva inspires poetry,
Art and medicine.
Roman gods and goddesses,
It's hard to keep a score,
With Saturn, Cupid, Juno…
Yes and...
(Shouted) PLENTY MORE!



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Listen and sing to the backing track from BBC teach- Rocking Romans.
Try writing an additional verse including the Roman god - Pluto