

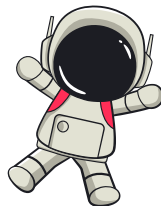
ASTRONOMY



Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

THE SOLAR SYSTEM

*The solar system is a celestial collection;
All orbiting the sun in a circular perfection.
Eight planets move around a central ball of burning gas;
Two bands and millions of asteroids complete the space mass.*



LIFE CYCLE OF A STAR

*A star is born from a cloud of gas and dust,
Gravity and pressure cause the matter to combust.
Brighter and brighter the scorching gas ball glows,
As the elements burn up, the outer layer grows.
The external coat disappears into space,
One tiny, barely bright neutron star left in the place.
Eventually the ancient star dies out,
Leaving material from which a new star can sprout.*



PLANETS POEM

*Close to the Sun, the Moon it is not.
This planet is Mercury, rocky and hot.
Hotter than Mercury, second from the Sun.
To love on cloudy Venus wouldn't be fun.
We live on this planet with grass that needs mowing.
On Earth we drive cars to get where we're going.
The planet is red, and it has no cars.
Fourth from the Sun, this planet is Mars.
This world is huge, the opposite of small. Jupiter's fifth,
and the largest of all.
This planet's big, too, but you'll notice its rings.
Saturn's very pretty, fit for a king.
Far beyond Saturn, it spins on its side.
With thin rocky rings, Uranus is wide.
The very last planet, an icy cool blue.
Neptune is special, and it has rings too.
The end, a few named space rocks far out in space.
Lonely small dwarf planets - frozen, dark places.*

