

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra presents

SPACE & EXPLORATION

Jupiter Song exercise

James has written the Jupiter song which takes '3 little seeds' which make up 'Jupiter' from The Planets Suite by Gustav Holst which you will hear in the concert following this piece.

Look at the various ways these '3 seeds' are used as demonstrated by James:

Musical notation for the first '3 seeds' exercise. It consists of two staves. The top staff has a treble clef and a 3/8 time signature. The first measure is a whole rest. The second measure contains three eighth notes: G4, A4, B4. The third measure is a whole rest. The fourth measure contains three eighth notes: G4, A4, B4. The bottom staff has a bass clef and a 3/8 time signature. The first measure contains three eighth notes: G3, A3, B3. The second measure is a whole rest. The third measure contains three eighth notes: G3, A3, B3. The fourth measure is a whole rest. Below the notes are the lyrics 'One two three' under the first and third measures of both staves.

Musical notation for the second '3 seeds' exercise. It consists of two staves. The top staff has a treble clef and a 12/8 time signature. The first measure is a whole rest. The second measure contains four dotted eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, G4. The third measure is a whole rest. The fourth measure contains four dotted eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, G4. The bottom staff has a bass clef and a 12/8 time signature. The first measure contains four dotted eighth notes: G3, A3, B3, G3. The second measure is a whole rest. The third measure contains four dotted eighth notes: G3, A3, B3, G3. The fourth measure is a whole rest. Below the notes are the lyrics 'Three two three one' under the second and fourth measures of both staves.

TASK

Now it's your turn to see how you can create your own piece with 1-2-3. Either write this on manuscript paper or if you want to use this practically, you can split the group into 3 groups. Team 1 play a drone – stay on one note or play a long note. Team 2 are ostinato, do repeated patterns. Team 3 are soloists so you can go through the group and do solos.