

Planetary Verses

I love the planets in all their splendor
They whirl elliptical in Milky Way
The Sun, resplendent at their center,
Gives us heat energy, lights up our day.

Mercury, the smallest and the closest to the Sun
Mercury, the god, of course, was the fastest one.

Venus, love goddess, shrouded in mist
Beneath evening star, many lips have been kissed.

Earth—wondrous mother of life itself
From molten core to continental shelf.

Mars, named for the god of war,
Red rusty surface, with iron at core.

The prize to Jupiter for immensity
Red Spot a storm of great intensity.

Wondrous amazement the sight of Saturn brings,
Famous for its necklace of at least 10,000 rings!

Neptune with his trident, ruler of the sea—
The planet is a cold one, way too cold for you or me.

Uranus's axis, near-horizontal, spins
Fifteen moons, eleven rings, very rapid winds.

Pluto of the Underworld, sits upon his throne.
Rocky icy outpost on the edge of the unknown.

They rotate and revolve, spinning tops through space,
Orbit in a spiral dance of such amazing grace.

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