

Astro-Terrapin 1

(A Living, Junk Eating, Interstellar Spacecraft)

A piano miniature inspired by an eight-year old's creative artwork as seen below



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From a single point in space far away comes a speeding UFO. The strange object suddenly slows to reveal a terrapin shaped spacecraft. The terrapin is alive and sustains itself by gobbling up space junk. Musical snips borrowed from earthly tunes prove that some of the galactic trash has blue planet origins. It seems like a lonely existence for the mysterious bioship as there is, so far, no evidence of an Astro-Terrapin II. Bon appetite Astro!

Ray Hutchinson

Andante

Piano *p*

6

Pno.

11

Pno.

mp

the mysterious space-creaturecraft appears

The musical score is written for piano and pno. (piano) in 2/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is marked 'Andante' and 'Piano p'. The second system is marked '6' and 'Pno.'. The third system is marked '11' and 'Pno.', and includes the annotation 'the mysterious space-creaturecraft appears' above a triplet of chords. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, slurs, and dynamic markings.

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16

Pno.

3

Red. *

Red. *

Red. *

21

Pno.

Red. *

Red. *

Red. *

Red. *

Red. *

26

Pno.

Red. *

Red. *

Red. *

Red. *

Red. *

mf

mp

31

Pno.

8^{va}-----

terrapin feeding grounds

Red. *

Red. *

Red. *

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Pno.

36

Pno.

41

Pno.

46

Pno.

51

mp

mf

Ped. *

Ped. *

Ped. *

3/4

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56

Pno.

U.S.A. space junk is found

U.S.A. junk

61

Pno.

is consumed

crunch crunch

66

Pno.

Russian space debris discovered

71

rit.

Pno.

Russian debris is no more

crunch crunch!

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76 **Adagio**

Pno. *mp* an after dinner nap

Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

80 *8va-*

Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

84

Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

88 *8va-* *8va-*

Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

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92 (8^{va})
a tempo
Pno. *p*

97
Pno.

102
Pno. *p*

107 *a little faster*
Pno. *mp*

112
Pno.

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117

Pno.

it seems there is no desert

121

Pno.

125

Pno.

mf engagement of shell meteor wave drive

129

Pno.

the leap to lightspeed *fz*