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**HOLST**  
**SUITE**

*from “The Planets”*

**Mars**  
**Venus, Mercury, Saturn,**  
**Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune**

*transcribed for*

**Large Brass Ensemble, Timpani & Percussion**

*by*

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Score

# Mars

The Bringer of War

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Trans. Ralph Sauer

Allegro

Trumpet 1 in C

Trumpet 2 in C

Trumpet 3 in C

Trumpet 4 in C

Horn 1 in F

Horn 2 in F

Horn 3 in F

Horn 4 in F

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Tenor Tuba

Tuba 1

Tuba 2

Timpani  
(and Snare Drum)

Percussion  
Rute, B. D., S. D., Cymb., Gong, Timp.

The score is written for a 7/4 time signature. The brass instruments (trumpets, horns, trombones, and tubas) play a melodic line consisting of quarter notes and half notes, often with slurs and dynamic markings such as *p*, *mp*, and *mf*. The woodwinds and strings (not shown) provide harmonic support. The percussion section includes timpani (with triplets and dynamics *p* and *mp*), rutes, b. d., s. d., cymbals, gongs, and timpani. The overall texture is dense and rhythmic, characteristic of the 'Mars' movement.

Score

# Venus

The Bringer of Peace

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**Adagio** [ $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 66$ ]

Trumpet 1 in C  
Trumpet 2 in C  
Trumpet 3 in C  
Flugelhorn in B-flat  
Horn 1 in F  
Horn 2 in F  
Horn 3 in F  
Horn 4 in F  
Trombone 1  
Trombone 2  
Trombone 3  
Tenor Tuba  
Tuba 1  
Tuba 2  
Glockenspiel

Cup mute  
*p* *pp*  
*p* *pp*  
*p* *pp*  
*p* *pp*  
*p*  
*p*  
*p* *pp*  
*p* *pp*  
*p* *pp*  
*p*

Score

# Mercury

The Winged Messenger

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Vivace

Trumpet 1 in C  
(Piccolo)

Trumpet 2 in C

Trumpet 3 in C

Trumpet 4 in C

Horn 1 in F

Horn 2 in F

Horn 3 in F

Horn 4 in F

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Tenor Tuba

Tuba 1

Tuba 2

Timpani

Glockenspiel

Score

# Saturn

The Bringer of Old Age

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Adagio [ma non troppo]

Trumpet 1 in C

Trumpet 2 in C

Trumpet 3 in C

Trumpet 4 in C

Horn 1 in F

Horn 2 in F

Horn 3 in F

Horn 4 in F

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Tenor Tuba

Tuba 1

Tuba 2

Timpani

Bells

Score

# Uranus

The Magician

Gustav Holst  
Trans. Ralph Sauer

Allegro

Trumpet 1 in C

Trumpet 2 in C

Trumpet 3 in C

Trumpet 4 in C

Horn 1 in F

Horn 2 in F

Horn 3 in F

Horn 4 in F

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Tenor Tuba

Tuba 1

Tuba 2

Timpani (w/opt. Cymb.)

Percussion 1  
Xyl., Tamb.,  
Cymb., B. D., S. D.

Percussion 2  
(optional)  
(Cymb., B. D., Tamb.)

Score

# Jupiter

The Bringer of Jollity

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**Allegro giocoso**

Trumpet 1 in C (with Piccolo) *f*

Trumpet 2 in C *f*

Trumpet 3 in C *f*

Trumpet 4 in C (with Flugelhorn) *f*

Horn 1 in F *f*

Horn 2 in F *f*

Horn 3 in F *f*

Horn 4 in F *f*

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Tenor Tuba

Tuba 1

Tuba 2

Timpani (C, E) (plus Triangle and Tambourine)

Percussion Cymbals Glockenspiel Triangle Tambourine

Score

# Neptune

The Mystic

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Andante [ $\text{♩} = \text{c.}76$ ]

Trumpet 1 in C

Trumpet 2 in C

Trumpet 3 in C

Trumpet 4 in C  
(with Flugelhorn)

Horn 1 in F

Horn 2 in F

Horn 3 in F

Horn 4 in F

Trombone 1  
*st. mute*  
*p*

Trombone 2  
*st. mute*  
*p*

Trombone 3

Tenor Tuba  
*p*

Tuba 1  
*p*

Tuba 2  
*p*

Timpani

Glockenspiel  
*p*