

Rocket Science

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Words & Music
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Swing, ♩ = 124

Playfully

3 finger clicks **A** *mf*

Some-times in life I hear a fact,

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I think to my-self I'll ques-tion that to find out ex-ac-

10

- tly if ac-tual-ly it's fac-tual-ly true. Facts that are hard

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to com-pre-hend, but when I sit down and Goo-gle them,

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I find that be-hind the head-lines there is sci-en-ti-fic proof.

20 **B**

Like how do we know that the Moon has been here


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— for four point five bil - li-on years?— And are there more stars

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— than there are grains of sand— on ev'-ry beach in— this land?

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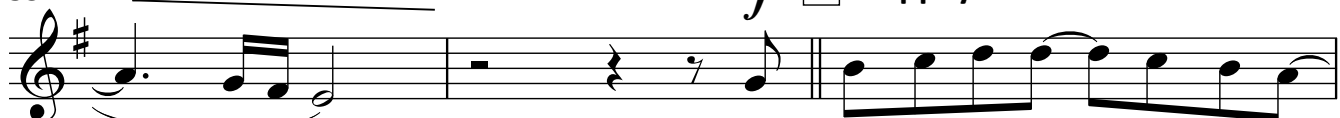
— And just to break free— of the Earth's gra-vi - ty,— a

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roc-ket needs speeds of twen-ty - two thou-sand miles— per hour at least.

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f **C** **Happily!**
— 'Cos these are the ques - tions that cap-

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- ture my int' - rest, spark a des - ire— to ex - plore.—

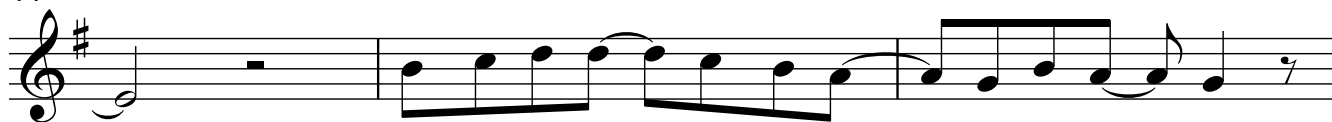
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These lit-tle won - ders with hu - mung-ous num-bers make me crave some-thing more.

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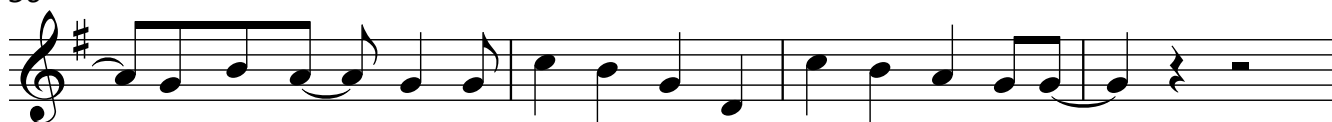
— These are the ques - tions that drive__ and in - spire_ me,

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make me more know-ledge-a - ble.__ It might be gee - ky these kind

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— of things please me but it is roc-ket sci-ence af - ter all.__

54



clicks

D

mf

Some-times I hear__ a new__ con-cept.

57



Some-thing I chal - lenge is__ cor-rect. Con-cepts so com-plex

60



— I sus - pect_ that it's just__ gob - ble - dy - gook.__

63



Theo-ries with com - pli - ca - ted words. I fear these theo-

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- ries are__ ab-surd. It's all so ad-vanced__ I'm en-tranced and my brain

69

— just can't_ com - pute.__ Like, birth-days on Ve-

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- nus would be__ pret-ty weird,__ a day lasts lon - ger__ than a year!

75

— And how ma-ny Earths__ can fit in - side the Sun?__

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One point three mil - li - on.__ And though it's poor taste__ is it real-ly the case,

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— that hu-mans can't burp__ in space?__ All that_ trapped gas

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— means you'd_ in - flate!__ *f* 'Cos

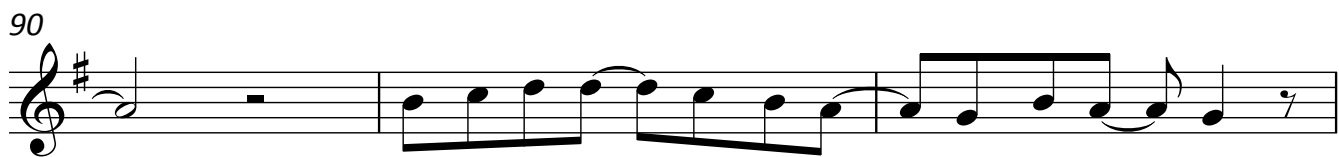
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87 **F**



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make me crave some-thing more.___ These are the ques-tions that drive

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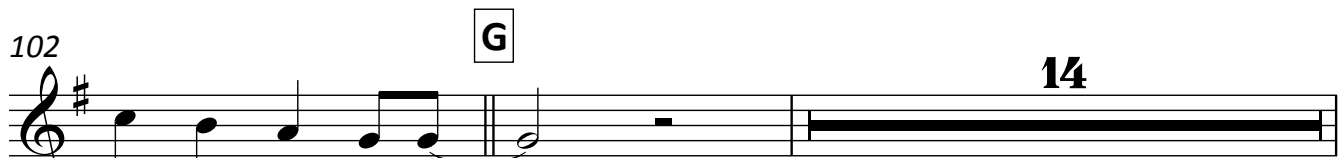
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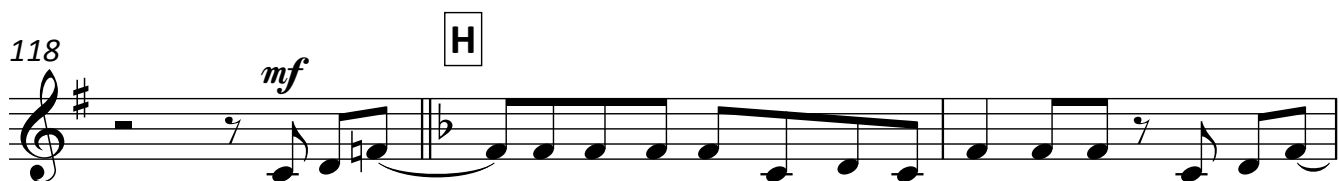
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sci - ence af - ter all.___ **14**

118 **H**



mf If you like____ a chee-ky fact then may-be you're in luck, I've got one

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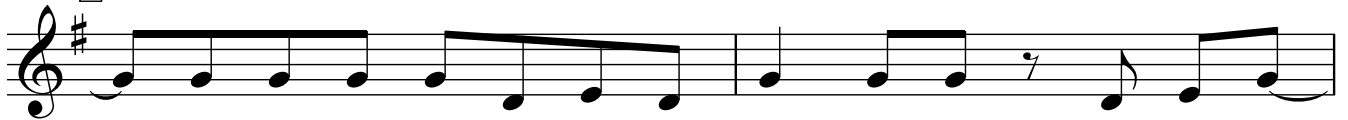
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u - ni-verse, it was tor - toi-ses that or-bit-ed the Moon first. If you like

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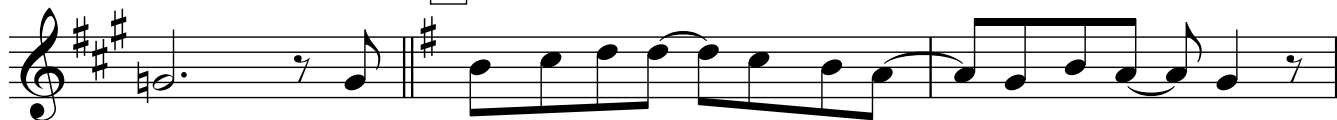
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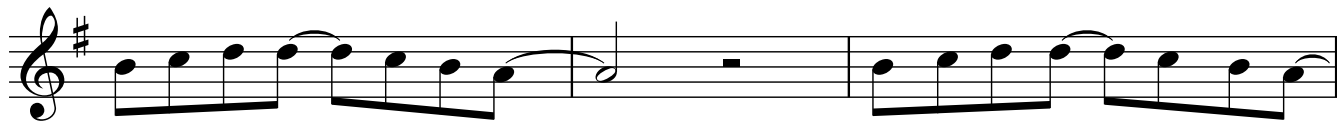
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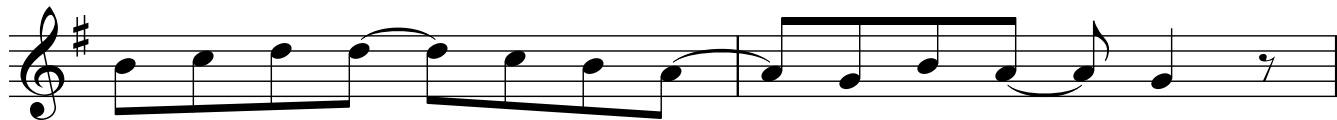
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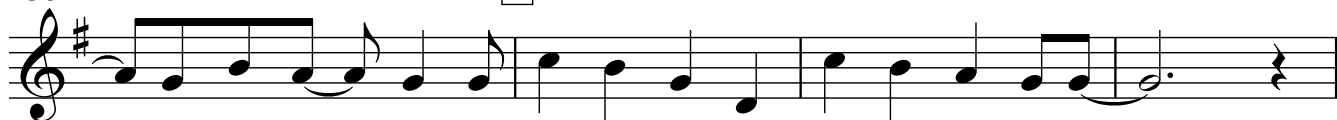
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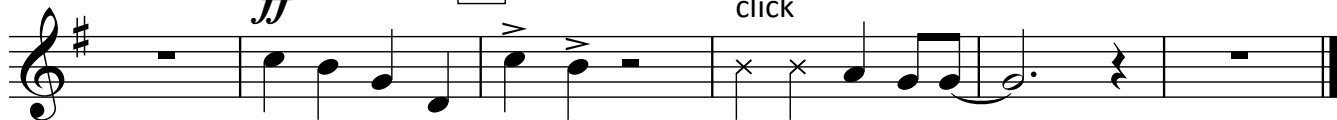
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