**REDD PLANET – THE TALKING MINSTREL**

**(For “Open Mike—the Musical”)**

**Mike Delaney, 11/2/15**

Hello Rosin Bag!

Hello Redd!

Rather than play the piano, tonight I’m going to regale you with a story…

When I was a little Redd Planet, my mother, Janet Planet, took me to the Harvard Observatory, to look at Mars through the largest telescope in New England. On the way I asked her what time astronauts eat lunch and she said…launch time. I asked her how astronauts serve dinner and she said…on flying saucers. I asked her how many astronomers it takes to change a light bulb? She said…None because astronomers aren't scared of the dark. I asked her if she heard about that new restaurant on the moon? She said…yes…the food’s great but it has no atmosphere.

Finally, she told me this poem…

Star light, star bright

First star I see tonight

I wish I may, I wish I might

Oh wait, it's just a satellite

This is Redd Planet signing off, and…

May you always have a smile on your face, a spring in your step, and a song in your heart.

used to like to take me

Why couldn’t the astronaut book a room on the moon? Because it was full.

•Why does NASA believe there might be life on Mars? The CD player was stolen from their Mars rover.

•

•How far can you see on a clear day? 150 million kilometres, from here to the Sun.

•While living on Earth might be a little expensive, at least you get a free trip around the Sun every year.

•

Where does it go from here?

Crashing around on stage

Being loud and boisterous

Telling an obvious joke

A joke in a song

Maybe just a limerick…or even a Haiku

But he kept coming back to our stage

With his crashing and zooming

And boisterous booming

We just wish he’s act his age

We all wish he would just act his age

And I’d like to end with a limerick:

There once was a man called Redd Planet

Whose demeanor on stage was to ham it

His crashing and zooming

And boisterous booming

Resulted in a/our need to ban it

Neal squeal deal

Ban it

Fan it

Began it

Stand it

Janet

Damn it

Dammit

Ham it

Ban it

Or maybe just a Haiku…

Redd Planet:

Boisterous jokester

Serious piano man

5 7 5