

## L3—Space Poetry

### Homework Task:

- Read through the space-themed poems below by Meish Goldish.
- Explain what you have learnt about space through reading each of these poems.
- Look at the organisation of each poem—how have they been organised? Do they use verses? Are there any rhyming patterns?
- Highlight two areas where there is very clear or interesting description and explain why you like it.
- Write a short review of the poems—do you like them? Why/why not? Which is your favourite and why? Are they useful in developing your understanding of space? What type of reader are they suitable for?

### Planet Roll Call

Nine planets around the sun,  
Listen as I call each one:  
Mercury? Here! Number one,  
Closest planet to the sun.  
Venus? Here! Number two,  
Shining bright, just like new!  
Earth? Here! Number three,  
Earth is home to you and me.  
Mars? Here! Number four,  
Red and ready to explore!  
Jupiter? Here! Number five,  
Largest planet, that's no jive!  
Saturn? Here! Number six,  
With rings of dust and ice that mix.  
Uranus? Here! Number seven,  
A planet tilted high in heaven.  
Neptune? Here! Number eight,  
With one dark spot whose size is great.  
Pluto? Here! Number nine,  
The smallest and the last in line!

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### Moon

Are you lonely, Moon?  
You giant white balloon!  
You have no water, wind or air.  
No wonder, nothing lives up there.  
You can't grow trees or flowers or grass.  
Your soil is only rocks and glass.  
Even your light is not your own.  
Instead it's from the sun that's shone.  
Your gravity is weak, I hear.  
You really have no atmosphere.  
But don't be sad, Moon, please don't cry.  
For I still love you in the sky.

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### Stars

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
I know what you really are:  
Giant ball of glowing gas,  
One of billions in a mass!  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
Oh, how big you really are!

Twinkle, twinkle, giant star,  
Larger than the Earth by far!  
Since your distance is a lot,  
You look like a tiny dot.  
Twinkle, twinkle, giant star,  
Very bright, yet very far!

Stars are twinkling, every one,  
Some are bigger than the sun!  
Just a twinkle in the sky,  
Just because you're oh, so high!  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
Oh, how big you really are!

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