

Nº 2. Song: “Oh, I’m the Celestial Drudge”

Mercury

Allegretto (♩ = 140)

Merc. *f* Oh, I’m the ce-les-ti-al

Merc. *f* *dim.* *mp* drudge, For morn-ing to night I must stop at it. On er-rands all day I must trudge, And

Merc. 12 stick to my work til I drop at it. In sum-mer I get up at one. (As a

Merc. 16 good-na-tured don-key I’m ranked for it.) Then I go and I light up the sun. And

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Merc.

Phoe-bus A-pol-lo gets thanked for it. Well, well, it's the way of the

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Merc.

world. And will be through all its fu - tu - ri - ty. Though noo - dles are ba - roned, are

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Merc.

ba - roned and earled, There's no - thing for cle - ver ob - scu - ri - ty.

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Merc.

I'm the slave of the Gods, neck and

dim. *mp*

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Merc.

heels, And I'm bound to o-bey, though I rate at 'em. And I not on-ly or-der their

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Merc.

meals, But I cook 'em and serve 'em and wait at 'em. Then I make all their nec-tar, I

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Merc.

do. (What a ter-ri-ble li-quor to rack us is.) And when-e-ver I mix them a brew, Why

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Merc.

all the thanks-giv-ings are Bac-chu-s's. Well, well, it's the way of the world. And

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Merc.

will be through all its fu - tu - ri - ty. Though noo - dles are ba - ron - ed, are ba - ron - ed and earled, There's

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Merc.

no - thing for cle - ver ob - scu - ri - ty.

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Merc.

Then read - ing and writ - ing I teach. And

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Merc.

spel - ling - books ma - ny I've e - di - ted. And for bring - ing those arts with - in reach, That

76 Merc.

don - key Mi - ner - va gets cre - di - ted. Then I scrape at the stars with a knife, And plate-

80 Merc.

-pow - der the moon (on the days for it). And I hear all the world and his wife A - ward - ing Di-

84 Merc.

- a - na the praise for it. Well, well, it's the way of the world. And

90 Merc.

will be through all its fu - tu - ri - ty. Though noo - dles are ba - ron - ed, are ba - ron - ed and earled, There's

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Merc.

no-thing for cle-ver ob - scu - ri - ty. Well, well, it's the way of the world. And

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Merc.

will be through all its fu - tu - ri - ty. Though noo - dles are ba - roned, are ba - roned and earled, There's

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Merc.

no-thing for cle-ver ob - scu - ri - ty.