

Nº 10. Song:  
“Olympus is Now in a Terrible Muddle”  
Mercury

*Allegro moderato (♩ = 170)*

Merc.

O - lym - pus is now in a ter - ri - ble mud - dle, The

dim.

p

Merc.

de - pu - ty de - i - ties all are at fault They splut - ter and splash like a pig in a pud - dle And

Merc.

dick - ens a one of 'em's earn - ing his salt. For Thes - pis as Jove is a ter - ri - ble blun - der, Too

(b) p.

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Merc.

ner - vous and tim - id— too ea - sy and weak— When - ev - er he's called on to light - en or thun - der, The

25

Merc.

thought of it keeps him a - wake for a week. Then might - y Mars has - n't the pluck of a par - rot. When

29

Merc.

left in the dark he will qui - ver and quail; And Vul - can has arms that would snap like a car - rot, Be-

33

Merc.

-fore he could drive in a ten - pen - ny nail. Then Ve - nus - 's freck - les are ve - ry re - pel - ling, And

37

Merc.

Ve - nus should *not* have a squint in her eyes; The learn-ed Mi - ner - va is weak in her spel - ling, And

rall.

41

Merc.

scat - ters her h - 's all o - ver the skies.

46

Merc.

Then Plu - to in kind - heart - ed ten - der - ness err - ing, Can't

p

51

Merc.

make up his mind to let an - y - one die— The Times has a pa - ra - graph e - ver re - cur - ring, "Re'

55

Merc.

mark - a - ble in - stance of lon - ge - vi - ty." On some it has some as a ser - i - ous o - nus, To

59

Merc.

o - thers it's quite an ad - van - tage— in short, While ev' - ry life of - fice de - clares a big bo - nus, The

63

Merc.

poor un - der - ta - kers are all in the court!

68

74

Merc.

Then Cu - pid, the ras - cal, for - get - ting his trade is To make men and wo - men im -

78

Merc.

-par - tial - ly smart, Will on - ly shoot ar - rows at pret - ty young la - dies, And ne - ver takes aim at a

82

Merc.

ba - che - lor's heart. The re - - sults of this freak— or what - e - ver you term it— Should

85

Merc.

co - ver the wick - ed young scamp with dis - grace, While ev' - ry young man is as

88

Merc.

shy as a her - mit, Young la - dies are pop - ping all o - ver the place. This

91

Merc.

would - n't much mat - ter— for bash - ful and shy men, When skill - ful - ly hand - led are

*mf*

94

Merc.

cer - tain to fall, But, al - as, that de - ter - mined young ba - che - lor Hy - men Re - fu - ses to wed an - y -

*mp*

98

Merc.

- bo - dy at all. He swears that Love's flame is the vi - lest of ar - sons, And looks up - on mar - riage as

*p*

102

Merc.

quite a mis - take; Now what in the world's to be - come of the par - sons, And what of the art - ist who

*rall.*

*rall.*

106

Merc. su - gars the cake? In

113

Merc. short, you will see from the facts that I'm show - ing, The state of the case is ex - ceed - ing - ly sad; If

117

Merc. Thes - pis - 's peo - ple go on as they're go - ing, O - lym - pus will cer - tain - ly go to the bad. From

121

Merc. Ju - pi - ter down - ward there is - n't a dab in it, All of 'em quib - ble and shuf - fle and shirk, A

125

Merc. *rall.*

prem - ier in Down - ing Street form - ing a ca - bi - net, Could - n't find peo - ple less fit for their

*rall.*

129

Merc.

work.

*mf*

This musical score page contains two staves of music for the character Merc. The top staff uses a soprano clef and a bass clef, while the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Measure 125 begins with a dynamic marking 'rall.' above the soprano line, followed by a vocal line and a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'prem - ier in Down - ing Street form - ing a ca - bi - net, Could - n't find peo - ple less fit for their' are written below the notes. A repeat of the 'rall.' dynamic is shown above the bass line. Measure 129 begins with a dynamic marking 'mf' above the bass line, followed by a more complex harmonic progression with eighth-note chords.