The Man Who Flew Into Space

A Choral Speaking Script: Loosely adapted from an old jump rope rhyme

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To find the proper rhythm for this PIECE, first read-aloud and clap through the sections as you go. Each underlined word or word part falls directly on a beat. As you read, clap on each underlined word, keeping the rhythm steady. Be careful not to read too fast! This is a rehearsal technique and readers will not clap throughout the reading during performance except for the sections where CLAP, CLAP is written in the script.

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ALL GIRLS: We know a man.

ALL: (CLAP, CLAP)

ALL BOYS: Flew into <u>space</u>.

ALL: (CLAP, <u>CLAP</u>)

ALL GIRLS: He's back in town...

With *something* on his *face*.

ALL BOYS: He <u>pass</u>ed the Milky <u>Way</u>

When they were making ice cream.

ALL: <u>Ice</u> cream <u>flow</u>ing

Like a <u>river</u> or <u>stream</u>.

And he got ice cream

All over his face!

SOLO 1: On his <u>face</u>?

ALL GIRLS: Oh, what a <u>place!</u>

CHORUS:

(DRAW OUT THE WORDS "So let's")

ALL: Soooooooo leeeeeeeet's...

Scrub his face,

Roll him in a rug,

Wrap him in a blanket,

'Till he's snug, snug, snug.

ALL BOYS: <u>Clean</u> and <u>com</u>fy,

Happy as a bug,

ALL GIRLS: And when he goes away again,

SOLO 2: We'll give him a hug.

ALL GIRLS: We know a man.

ALL: (CLAP, <u>CLAP</u>)

ALL BOYS Flew into space.

ALL: $(CLAP, \underline{CLAP})$

ALL GIRLS: He's back in town...

With <u>some</u>thing on his <u>face</u>.

ALL BOYS: <u>Bumped an asteroid</u>,

And <u>bruised</u> his lip <u>bad</u>ly.

ALL: That's too bad,

And we say it sadly.

It's all true,

He's black and blue.

SOLO 3: Is there a bump?

ALL GIRLS: Well there's a lump!

CHORUS:

(DRAW OUT THE WORDS "So let's")

ALL: Soooooooo leeeeeeeet's...

Scrub his face,

Roll him in a rug,

Wrap him in a blanket,

Till he's snug, snug, snug.

ALL BOYS: <u>Clean</u> and <u>com</u>fy,

Happy as a bug,

ALL GIRLS: And when he goes away again,

SOLO 4: We'll give him a hug.

ALL GIRLS: We know a man.

(CLAP, CLAP)

ALL BOYS: Flew into <u>space</u>.

(CLAP, CLAP)

ALL GIRLS: He's <u>back</u> in <u>town</u>...

With something on his face.

ALL BOYS: He <u>ran</u> into a <u>star</u>

And did something to his chin...

ALL: From where the chin ends

To where it begins.

It's <u>covered</u> with <u>dust</u> From a <u>twinkling star</u>?

SOLO 5: That's <u>star</u>dust on his <u>chin</u>

From a <u>star</u> out <u>far</u>!

CHORUS:

(DRAW OUT THE WORDS "So let's")

ALL: Soooooooo leeeeeeeet's...

Scrub his face,

Roll him in a rug,

Wrap him in a blanket,

Till he's snug, snug, snug.

Clean and comfy,

Happy as a bug,

And when he goes away again

SOLO 6: We'll give him a hug.

ALL GIRLS: We know a man.

(CLAP, CLAP)

ALL BOYS: Flew into <u>space</u>.

(CLAP, <u>CLAP</u>)

ALL GIRLS: He's back in town...

With <u>some</u>thing on his <u>face</u>.

ALL BOYS: He collided with the moon