

# Mercurius

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**lively and vibrant**  
♩ = 88 or faster

1) *f* *mp*

Sopran I Winged

Sopran II Winged

Alt I Winged 2) *ti - ke ta - ke* *ti - ke ta - ke* *ti - ke* *ti - ke ta - ke* *ti - ke* *ti - ke* *ti - ke*

Alt II Winged 2) *ti - ke ta - ke* *ti - ke* *ta - ke* *ke* *ti - ke* *ti - ke* *ti - ke*

Tenor I Winged

Tenor II Winged *mf* *winged* *winged* *molto* *sim.* 4) *molto*

Bass Winged *mf* *winged* 4)

*Sample*

1 Soprano-Solo *mf* 3  
oo  
ti - ke - ta - ke ti - ke tak

S I 4 *mf* 6  
o [as in "Robo"]  
ke ti - ke tik  
S II *molt.* 3  
oo  
come sopra  
Ro-bo-bo-bo  
2) ti - ke tak

A I *f*  
El Ro - bo per - fe - to! El Ro - bo-bo-bo-bo ti - ke ta

A II *f*  
El per - fe - to! ti - ke ti - ke Raub! ti - ke tak  
*mf*

B *mf* 3  
bo per - fec - to! Raub!  
winged come sopra  
Raub!

- 1) Sopran I and II in stereophonic setting
  - 2) "ti-ke ta-ke" and similar syllables like stylized ticking sounds from an early telegraph machine
  - 3) [engl.] (= english) and similar abbr. indicate the intended language when words or names are written identical in several languages
  - 4) unvoiced loud hiss of air, sounds of wing beats in the air



II 1 Solo *mf*

S I      00\_ 00\_      00\_ 00\_      00\_ 00\_

S II lon - gest sion Bridge! ti - ke - tik ta - ke - tik

A I ti - ke ti - ke 00\_ 00\_ winged,

A II Lon - ges Sus pen sion Bridge! winged ti - ke ti - ke

T ges en sion Bridge! ti - ke tik tik ti - ke ti - ke

B PRANG PRANG winged, winged, Mo - na\_ Li -

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2) "ti-ke ta-ke" and similar syllables like stylized ticking sounds from an early telegraph machine  
5) imitations of a Lyra



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S I      *ti - ke winged,* *ta - ke ta - ke tik*

S II      *ti - ke ti - ke ta - ke ti - ke ti - ke ta - ke*

A I      *ti - ke ti - ke ta - ke ta - ke* *ti - ke ti - ke ti - ke*

A II      *molto sim.* *4)* *ti - ke ti - ke ti - ke ti - ke ti - ke*

T      *8 - sa sto - len\_ winged,* *ti - ke ti - ke ti - ke ta - ke ti - ke*

B      *winged,\_ PRANG*

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S I      *ti - ke ta - ke Mo - nati - sa s - sen, sto - - - len*

S II      *ti - ke ta - ke tion, ti - ke ti - ke ti - ke*

A I      *mf Ex [engl.] 3) molto sim. 4)* *f*

A II      *sto len ti - ke tik ti - ke tik tik winged*

T      *some s winged*

B      *PRANG PRANG winged, winged,*

3) [engl.] (= english) and similar br. indicate the intended language when words or names are written identical in several languages  
 4) unvoiced loud hiss of air, fanciful imitation of wing beats or their sound in the wind



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SI      **pp** 3  
Start zum Süd - pol! 6)  
S II      **ppp**  
winged, ti - ke ti - ke ti - ke  
A I      **pp** 3  
Start zum Süd - pol, Süd - pol! Hours Hit - ting Ice - berg  
A II      **pp** 3  
Start zum Süd - pol, Süd - Hours Af - ter Hit - ting Ice - berg  
T      **pp** > 8  
ti - ke ti - ke ti - ke winged, winged, ti - ke  
B      **pp** 6) >  
ti - ke ta - ti - ke

1 Soprano-Solo

oo oo

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SI      6  
oo come sopra  
ti-ke ta-ke  
S II      >  
tik ti-ke 00 come sopra  
ti-ke ta-ke  
A I      p  
ti-ke Chaa  
ti-ke ti-ke ta - ke O - lym - pi - a  
A II      mf  
ti-ke ke ta-ke ti-ke ti-ke O lym - pi - a, O lym - pi - a  
[germ.] 3)  
T      p  
ti-ke ti - ke winged come sopra p  
winged, f  
B      mp  
ti-ke chance! winged PRANG

2) "ti-ke ta-ke" and similar syllables like stylized ticking sounds from an early telegraph machine

3) [germ.] (= german) and simil. abbr. indicate the intended language when words or names are written identical in several languages

6) unvoiced, very percussive, consonants extremely exaggerated



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S I      *mf*      *f*      >      >      >      *mf*      *f*

O - lym - pi - a lebt!      ti - ke ta - ke      ti - ke      ti - ke tik      A - pol -

S II      *mf*

ti - ke      ti - ke      ta - ke      ta - ke      ba - ba - ba - ba      ti - ke ta - ke      ti - ke

A I      *come sopra*

ti - ke      winged,

A II      *mf*

ti - ke      ti - ke      winged,      ti - ke      ti - ke      ti - ke

T      *mf*

winged,      *mf*

B      winged,      *mf*      A - pol      lo - - - ni - an

31      1 Soprano-Solo      *mf*

S I      *mf*      00      00      00      00      *ff*

lo - nian      ti - ke      ti - ke      Raub

S II      *mf*

winged,      ti - ke      ke ta - ke      birth      of      broad - cas - ting,

A I      *mf*

winged,      Hys - te - ri - a      birth      of      broad - cas - ting,

A II      *ff*

winged,      Hys - te - ri - a      ti - ke ta - ke      ti - ke      ti - ke broad      - cas - ting,

T      *mf*      *come sopra*

0 - rac - le!      Ex - ca - va - - - tion      at Co - los - - se -

winged,

B

3) [germ.] (= german) and sl. [sl.] or abbr. indicate the intended language when words or names are written identical in several languages



slightly faster and more excited  $\text{♩} = 92$

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S I      *f*      00\_ 00      *p*      ti - ke ta - ke ti - ke auf - Welt -  
S II      *f*      winged      *p sub.*      ta - ke ti - ke ta - ke auf -  
A I      *f*      winged      *mp sub.*      Sen - sa - tion auf - ti - ke  
A II      *f*      winged,      ta - ke      *p*  
T      winged winged      *p sub.*      ta - ke      ti - ke ta - ke ti - ke  
B      *ff*      um!      6) v v v v v v      ti - ke ta - ke      ti - ke ta - ke      ti - ke

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S I      *p*      ti - ke ti - *ff*      Scan - da - lo al - Pan - the -  $\frac{4}{16}$   
S II      *mp*      aus      st - lung      ta  
A I      ta - ke      ta - ke ta - ke      winged,      ti - ke ta - ke ti - ke ta - ke       $\frac{4}{16}$   
A II      ta - ke      ta - ke ta - ke      winged,       $\frac{3}{16}$        $\frac{3}{16}$        $\frac{3}{16}$        $\frac{4}{16}$   
T      winged      winged,      winged,      winged,      *f*      winged,       $\frac{4}{16}$   
B      ta - ke      ti - ke       $\frac{4}{16}$

6) unvoiced, very percussive



even more excited and versatile, and faster if possible  $\downarrow = 94$

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*mp*

on ta - ta - ta ta - ta winged, ta - ta

*mp*

ta - ta - ta ti - ke ta - ke winged, ta - ta

*mp*

ti - ke ta - ke ta - ta - ta ti - ke ta - ke ti - ke ta ta ta ta ta ta

*mp*

ta - ta ta - ta - ta ta winged

*mp*

winged, ba ba - ba

*mf*

ti - ke ta - ke ti - ke - ke ba - ba

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S I

S II

A I

A II

T

B

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S I      ta - ta - ta - ta - ta - ta      ke - ti - ke

S II      ti - ke ta ta ta ta ta      ti - ke      ti - ke

A I      ba - ba - ba - ba - ba - ta - ta      ta - ta - ta - ta - ta - ta      ba - ba

A II      tik      ba - ta - ta

T      ba - ba - ha      ba - ba - ba - ba      ti - ke      tak      ba - ba      ba - ba - ba

B      ti - ke      ti - ke      ta - ta - ta      ta - ta - ta      ta - ta - ta      ti - ke



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S I      *f*      *mp sub.*  
 ti - ke   ti - ke   ti - ke   ti - ke   La   Sco - per -

S II      *f*  
 ti - ke   ti - ke   ti - ke   ti - ke

A I      *f*      *mp sub.*  
 ba - ba - ba   ba - ba - ba   ba - ba - ba   La   Sco - per - di - no -

A II      *f*  
 ti - ke   ti - ke   ti - ke   ta - ke   ti - ke   ti - ke

T      *f*      *mp sub.*  
 8      ti - ke   ta   ta - ta   ta - ta   ta - ta - ta   ti - ke   ta - ta - ta   ti - ke   ti - ke

B      *f*  
 ti - ke   ta   ta - ta   ta - ta - ta - ta - ke   ti - ke   ta - ta - ta   ti - ke   ti - ke

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56      *unvoiced*

S I      *mp*  
 ti - ke   ti - ke   ti - ke   ke   Sco - per - ta

S II      *mp*  
 ia!   On   The   Moon,   The   Moon,

A I      *mp*  
 ia!   On   Th   Moon,   The   Moon,   ta - ta - ta

A II      *mp*  
 The   Moon,   The   Moon,

T      *half of the section whispering,  
half singing*  
 8      ti - ke   ta - ta - ta   ta - ta - ta - ta - ta

B      *half of the section whispering,  
half singing,*   *sim.*  
 ti - ke   ta - ta - ta   ta - ta - ta

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S I On The Moon, On The Moon ti - ke ti - ke ta - ta - ta ti - ke

S II On The Moon, ti - ke ta ti - ke ta - ta - ta ti - ke

A I ta - ta - ta ti - ke

A II ta - ta - ta ti - ke ta ta - ta - ta ta - ta - ta ta - ta - ta ti - ke

T ta - ta - ta ti - ke ta - ta - ta ti - ke

B ta - ta - ta ti - ke ta - ta - ta ti - ke

*half of the section whispering,  
half singing*

*unvoiced*

*unvoiced*

*pp*

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*organic transitions in constant flow*

S I ti - ke - ke ti - ke ti - ke - ke ti - ke

S II ti - ke - ke ti - ke - ke ti - ke - ke ti - ke

A I ti - ke - ke ti - ke - ke ti - ke - ke ti - ke

A II ti - ke - ke ti - ke - ke ti - ke - ke ti - ke

T ti - ke - ke ti - ke - ke ti - ke - ke ti - ke

B ti - ke - ke ti - ke - ke ti - ke - ke ti - ke

\* accents ad lib. \*\*

*change to whispering gradually*

accents ad lib. \*\*

\* Continue in tempo and synchronously, one after one changes from singing to whispering, possibly with a panoramic effect, add accents on constantly changing notes

\*\* Continue whispering but by one diverges slightly in tempo, so that with bar 72 every singer whispers asynchronously



7) (humming with) overtone singing, change overtones slowly; changing parts here is possible:  
trained and/or skilled singers: overtone-singing from the other sections may switch to the soprano part for those bars, sopranos not able to sing effective overtones may switch to one of the alto-parts.



\* repeat text individually or patch, to start off asynchronously, each singer chooses a different syllable to begin with



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S I      S II      A I      A II      T      B

*p*

made it a den of aus die Völ-käu-

*mf*, *p* made it a den of rob - bers Tische der Wechs-ler

*mf*, *p* you have made of rob - bers he en -

*mf*, *p* but have made it a den of rob - bers he en - tered,

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S I      S II      A I      A II      T      B

start [engl.] winged

Käu in dem Tem - pel, Tem - pel

Tau - ben - rä - mer stieß er um, um

tered be - dan to drive out those who sold

be - dan to drive out those who sold, those who sold

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7) (humming with) overtone-singing, change overtones slowly; changing parts here is possible: trained and/or skilled singers in overtone-singing from the other sections may switch to the soprano part for those bars, sopranos not able to sing effective overtones may switch to one of the alto-parts.



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SI      *f* > Vi - si winged rum. Ro - ma - num, O - lym - pia lives!

S II     *ff* > winged winged winged lives, O - lym - pia lives!

A I      *mf* > ta - ti - ke ta ta winged, winged, winged, winged, O - lym - pia lives!

A II     *mf* > ti - ke ta ta ta - ti - ke ta - ke O - lym - pia lives!

T        *ff* > winged winged, winged Hys - te - rie! Ro - ma - num, O - lym - pia lives!

B        > ti - ke ta - ta ta ta - ti - ke winged winged O - lym - pia lives!

4) unvoiced loud hiss of air,      5) sounds of wing beats in the air  
6) unvoiced, very percussive,      7) consonants extremely exaggerated



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S I      ff —————— mf —————— come sopra  
winged

S II      ff —————— mf —————— winged winged winged

A I      ff      mf —————— winged winged Raub! winged

A II      ff      mf —————— 3 winged winged winged

T      ff      f —————— sim. ta - ta ta

B      ff      f —————— PRANG<sup>5)</sup> > > > ff —————— ta

4) unvoiced loud hiss of air, careful imitation of wing beats or their sound in the wind

4) unvoiced loud hiss of air; 5) your imitation of wing beats or their sound in the wind

5) fanciful imitations of a Lyrebird.



125 *mf* *come sopra* *f* *come sopra* *f*

S I winged Co - Nu - Sco -

S II winged ta-ta Co - met Hys - te - ve

A I winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

A II winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

T PRANG *sim.* *f* ti-ke *ff* Raub *mf* Tik

B PRANG *sim.* Nu - o - ve

**Sample Page**

129 *f*

S I per - te a el - fi, winged

S II per - te De - winged

A I ti - ke ta - ke winged winged,

A II ti - ke ta - ke ti - ke ta - ke winged *mf*

T ti - ke ta - ke Tik ti - ke ta - ke ti - ke winged *f*

B Sco - per te a Del - fi *f*

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S I      *oo—*      *Co - met*      *winged*

S II      ,      *ti-ke ta-ke*

A I      *mp*      *winged, winged,*      *ti-ke ta-ke ti-ke ta-ke ti-ke ta-* 7)

A II      *mp*      *winged winged, winged,*      *winged,*      *ff*      *mp*

T      *mf*      *PRANG sim.*      *ng*      *mp*      *molto*      *wing-ng* 7)

B      *mf*      *PRANG sim.*      7)

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136 1 Solo

S I      *unvoiced*      *winged*      *if*      *winged,*      *f*      *Hys -*

S II      *winged*      *ved*      *f*      *mf*      *winged,*      *winged,*

A I      *winged,*      *voiced*      *mf*      *winged,*      *winged,*      *winged*

A II      *winged,*      *mf*      *winged,*      *mf*      *winged,*

T      *f*      *Ta Ta - Ta*      *f*      *mf*      *ta birth*      *f*      *mf*      *ti - ke*      *winged*

B      *mf*      *PRANG PRANG*      *PRANG*      *[germ.] O - lym - pi -*

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7) (humming with) overtone singing, slowly changing overtones



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S I      *mf* te - rie winged, winged,

S II      *ff* Tu - mul - to tra gli Dei! wing

A I      *mf* Ti - ke ta - ke winged,

A II      winged [germ.] O lym - pi - a.

T      winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

B      a, 0 - lym pi lebt!

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S I      *mf* winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

S II      *mf* winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

A I      *mf* winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

A II      *mf* winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

B      winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

winged, winged,

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**Poco meno mosso**  
♩ = 86

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S I      winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

S II      winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

A I      winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

A II      winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

T      winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

B      winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

**mp**

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S I      winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

S II      winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

A I      winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

A II      winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

T      winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

B      Ah!

8) lowest possible individual pitch (resulting in a cluster)



161 A Tempo ♩ = 92

S I - - - - - - - - winged, winged, winged,

S II - - - - - - - - winged, winged, winged, winged,

A I ♪ - - - - - - - - winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

A II ♪ - - - - - - - - winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

T ♪ - - - - - - - - winged winged winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

B ♫ pp - - - - - - - - Ah! winged, winged, winged,

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S I - - - - - - - - winged winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

S II - - - - - - - - winged winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

A I ♪ - - - - - - - - winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

A II ♪ - - - - - - - - winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

T ♪ - - - - - - - - winged winged winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged,

B ♫ ff - - - - - - - - winged winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, winged, Ah!

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