

Suspended in a Sunbeam

(Thoughts on the "Pale Blue Dot"
as photographed by Voyager 1)

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inspired by a speech given by
Dr Carl Sagan in 1994

Vivo ♩ = 120

The musical score is written for guitar on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Vivo' with a quarter note equal to 120 beats per minute. The score is divided into four systems. The first system (measures 1-4) starts with a fortissimo (ff) dynamic and includes the lyrics 'This is Us!'. The second system (measures 5-8) includes the lyrics 'Look at that "Dot" - That's here, that's home.' and features a 'meno mosso' tempo change. The third system (measures 9-12) includes the lyrics 'Just think? - on this tiny pale blue pixel in a sea of black,' and features an 'accel.' (accelerando) marking. The fourth system (measures 13-16) includes the lyrics 'everyone you know, every human being who ever was, .. lived out their lives!'. The score concludes with a 'Moderato' section (measures 17-20) at a tempo of ♩ = 92, marked 'mp' (mezzo-piano) and 'espress.' (espressivo). This section includes a repeat sign and the instruction '(repeat as needed)'. The lyrics for this section are 'The total of all our joys and sufferings over the ages - our religions, political ideologies and economic doctrines'. The score includes various musical notations such as fingerings (e.g., 2, 4, 1, 2, 0, 4), slurs, accents, and dynamic markings.

ff **sfz** *This is Us!* *meno mosso* *Look at that "Dot" - That's here, that's home.* *accel.*

meno mosso *Just think? - on this tiny pale blue pixel in a sea of black,* *accel.*

"everyone you know, every human being who ever was, .. lived out their lives!"

Moderato ♩ = 92 *mp* *espress.* (repeat as needed)

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Sample Score