

Planets pass me by all day,
But in the asteroid belt I stay.
Floating through outer space
The sun shines on my face,
Even from 3 AU's away.

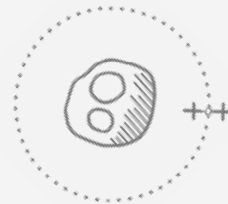


Science has many questions for you.
We heard you were metal, is that true?
We're sending a probe
From our earth's green globe
To find the answers we pursue.

You say you will be leaving soon.
Will you fly around the moon?
Or zoom past a rocky world-
I'm sure Mars would be thrilled!
And I'll see you at five past high noon!

Calculations are complete!
Spacecraft launch was a feat
We achieved as a team.
Yes, Mars was in our scheme
To ensure that one day we'd meet!

Hello! Welcome! How are you?
Finally I can make my debut:
Reveal my landscape,
Show off the big scrape,
And tell you why I never grew.



Exploring space has been so fun.
With you in sight, I've found the one.
We have lots to measure,
Since you're a rare treasure-
An insight to how planets have begun.