

The rocket hums quietly. The engines now roar. They check all the buttons, the seats and the door. Mission Control starts the final countdown; TVs are turned on all over the town. For a moment it's quiet, then whoosh they are gone. The ground shrinks behind them. The engines power on. Onwards and upwards through the clouds they now go; Houses and buildings left far down below. They look out of the window as darkness comes near. The Earth looks so tiny – there's nothing to fear. The roar has now gone; it is quiet instead. A helmet sits tightly on an astronaut's head. The planets fly by them – the colours so bright; Saturn and Jupiter shine in the night. Ruby red Mars now comes into view. A quick trip to Venus and Uranus too. The stars twinkle brightly still so far away; Maybe a rocket will reach them one day. Turning to Earth, journey's over for now. Sights so fantastic you can only say 'wow!'

