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Music: Andy Roninson

Excerpt from : "The Rocket Thrower"

Pud, an ambitious teenage girl in 1964 dreams of being an astronaut, but is challenged to fight for her dreams amidst the racial tensions of a Harlem Rebellion. Here, she imagines the planets and stars are her back-up singers.

PUD

I'M TRACKING THE PATTERNS AND PLANET'S POSITION
I'M CHARTING THE STARS WITH GALACTIC AMBITION
TO FIND A NEW STAR OR A NEW CONSTELLATION
TO GET TO NEW HEIGHTS TO A NEW GRAVITATION
I'M GOING TO THE MOON MAMA!

ENSEMBLE

SHE'S GOING TO THE MOON, MAMA

PUD

I'M SURE TO TURN HEADS WHEN I WALK IN THE STATION
'CAUSE WAIT 'TIL THEY READ MY PROFOUND DISSERTATION
I'LL SOLVE THEIR EQUATIONS CAUSE I'M THE SOLUTION
I'LL BE THE NEW FACE OF THE SPACE REVOLUTION
I'M GOING TO THE MOON, MAMA

ENSEMBLE

SHE'S GOING TO THE MOON MAMA

PUD

WHEN THEY LAUNCH ME
GONNA BE BRA FREE
CAUSE THERE'S NO GRAVITY
NO GRAVITY
WHEN THEY LAUNCH ME
LET MY HAIR FLY FREE
CAUSE THERE'S NO COMBS AROUND
NO COMBS AROUND
SO I'LL WAVE MY AFRO FLAG AND PLANT IT IN THE GROUND

And I mean the ground on the moon, which scientists theorize is comprised of earth-like geological materials like basalt and calcium. The lunar surface even has empty oceans that may have

contained water! Can you imagine, mama, water on the moon?! It's
not nonsense! It's my life!

PUD

I'M READY FOR LIFT OFF, I'M READY FOR DISTANCE
GOT MORE THAN A DREAM, I'VE GOT COSMIC PERSISTENCE
IT'S T MINUS THREE AND THE ENGINE IS ROARING
JUST SECONDS TIL FREEDOM- HEY LOOK MOM- I'M SOARING!!
I'M GOING TO THE MOON, MAMA!

ENSEMBLE

SHE'S GOING TO THE MOON, MAMA!

PUD

I'M GOING TO THE MOON, MAMA!

ENSEMBLE

SHE'S GOING TO THE MOON, MAMA!

PUD/ENSEMBLE

I'M GOING TO THE MOON MAMA
SHE'S GOING TO THE MOON MAMA
I'M GOING TO THE MOON
SHE'S GOING TO THE MOON
I'M GOING TO THE MOON- AHHH!!