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(Sample Script based on an original draft by William A. Gutsch, Jr ©)

1	0:00:00	0:01:00	As the dome grows dark, a giant blue star rises into view.	0:01:00	-MUSIC- It is 5 billion years ago and a great star that has lit the galaxy with its brilliance for more than 10 million years is about to die. Steadily, this star has created heavy elements deep within itself -- elements that will soon be blasted out across space.
2	0:01:00	0:02:00	The Giant Star suddenly collapses and explodes as a supernova. Debris from the exploded star flies out in all directions racing across space. The leading edge of the debris cloud sails across space and ultimately encounters a cloud of gas and dust. It collides with the cloud and the cloud begins to collapse.	0:01:00	-MUSIC- In death, a star's debris intermingles with other interstellar clouds creating a huge gaseous nebula. Under certain circumstances such a nebula, with a diameter of many light years, breaks up into smaller areas starting a slow but steady collapse that finally results in a huge rotating disk of overheated material. -MUSIC-
3	0:02:00	0:02:50	We enter the collapsing cloud and witness the formation of the early sun and solar system.	0:00:50	-MUSIC- After a few million years the temperature at the center of the disk starts to rise and when it reaches a temperature of about 15 million degrees Celsius its thermonuclear reactions mark the birth of a new star.

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4	0:02:50	0:03:20	<i>We zoom in momentarily and see the proto-sun ignite.</i>	0:00:30	-MUSIC- The same exact series of events happened during the birth of our own Solar System, some 4.5 billion years ago, when the Sun took its place amongst the other stars of our Galaxy. -MUSIC-
5	0:03:20	0:04:00	<i>We sweep outward and watch the various debris of the solar system’s disk taking form by colliding and increasing in size.</i>	0:00:40	The early days of the solar system are also known as "the great period of bombardment" when smaller bodies continued to be swept up by the gravitational pull of the more massive ones. -MUSIC-
6	0:04:00	0:04:30	<i>We turn around in space and focus on the Earth which is beginning to take shape.</i>	0:00:30	It is now 4.6 billion years ago. The early Earth is a molten, strange and hostile place. A dynamic, often violent history, lies ahead but one that will have profound consequences.
7	0:04:30	0:05:10	<i>From the proto-Earth’s surface we observe as comets and asteroids streak down from the skies and heavily bombard the Earth.</i>	0:00:40	-MUSIC- On Earth, the violent period of bombardment was also responsible for the seeding of our planet with important additional materials -- organics and water -- chemistry that would ultimately prove of vital importance to the development of life.

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8	0:05:10	0:05:50	<i>Flying over the proto-Earth's surface we see huge volcanoes erupt as molten lava explodes and giant clouds of material are blasted into the sky.</i>	0:00:40	Enormous volcanoes occurred and were active for millions upon millions of years. Their out gassing helped create the Earth's first atmosphere -- an atmosphere far different than the one we know today but an atmosphere that would prove of pivotal importance.
9	0:05:50	0:06:40	<i>Sweep back in as huge lightning bolts cascade down from the sky. We hear loud claps of thunder and it begins to rain. At first the rain sizzles, instantly boiling off the still red hot surface.</i>	0:00:50	In time, it began to rain. For millions of years, it rained -- another important step in the transformation of the third planet from the Sun. -MUSIC-
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