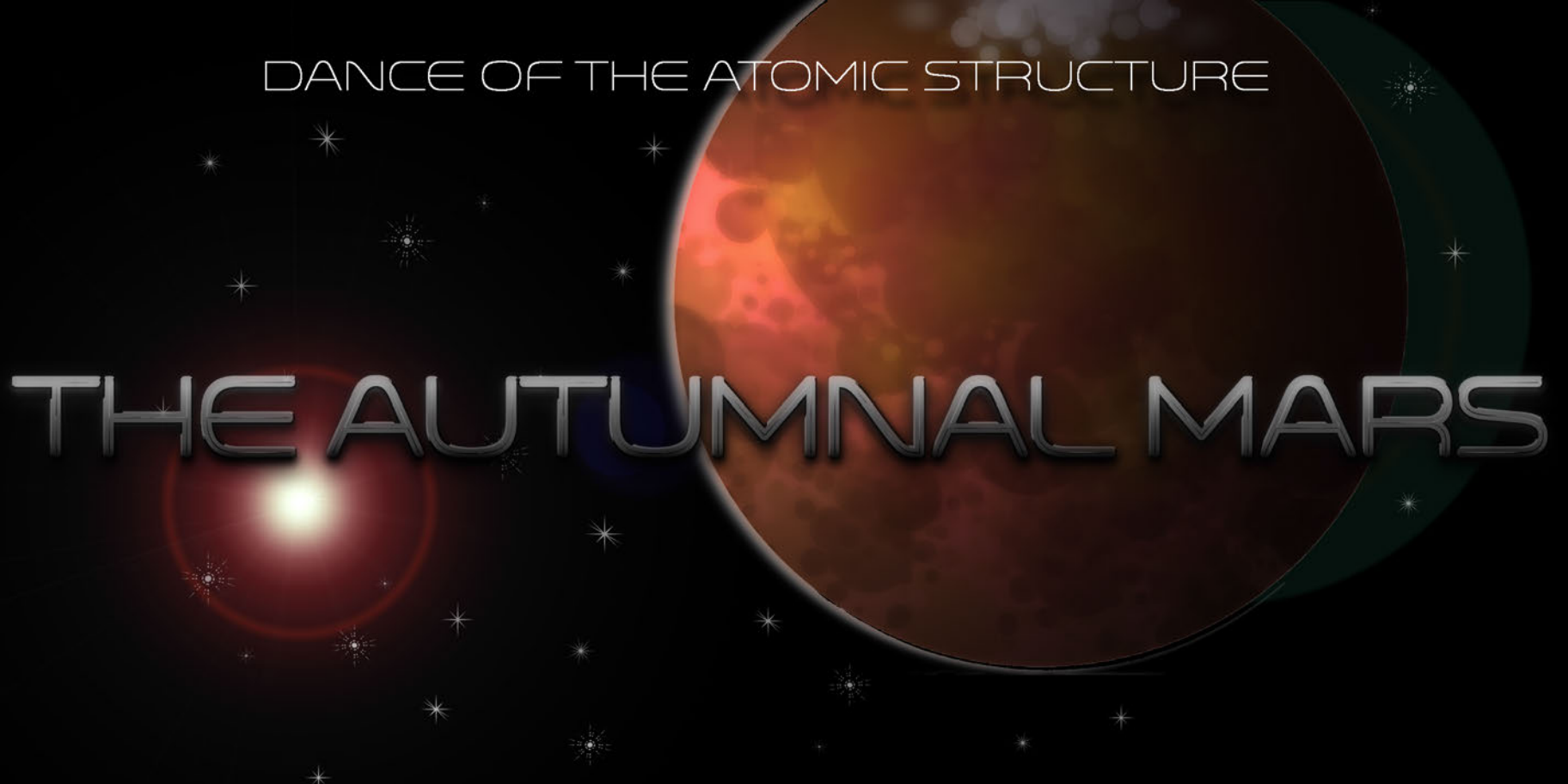



DANCE OF THE ATOMIC STRUCTURE

# THE AUTUMNAL MARS





Our approach is so imminent, so natural, and yet so strange. Here we are among the red, red rocks and fevered scarlet haze. Here we are, our destiny.

# LIFE REACHES THE RED PLANET

## **Life Reaches The Red Planet** (Track 1)

Elysium Mons. Jovis Tholus. Zephyria Tholus.  
Olympus Mons. The monitors display the rust-colored ball,  
the ruby of mankind's desire through the ages.

# No One Talks In The Storm (Track 2)

Voices are cut through with a knife of silence as a veil of dust descends upon us, prying into every wheel well and rubber seal. We power down, our senses on high alert, our minds fascinated with this cloud that seems to have life in itself,

# NO ONE TALKS IN THE STORM

observing these small creatures in its territory, and then, as quickly as it came, it dissolves into the landscape, each fleck of iron settling onto the rocks.

Weariness reminds us of our isolation,  
of lovers we cannot hold, air we cannot breathe,  
grass that cannot grow. Weariness is cancer,  
feasting on the tired and hungry.  
We can't let it get to our heads. We can't let it grow.

# DON'T LET IT GROW

## Don't Let It Grow (Track 3)

Weariness is easy. It tears us apart particle by particle,  
like the dust that has become part of our lives, suffocating  
every fold of clothing, every bite of freeze dried meat and peas.

# Phobos And Deimos Nights (Track 4)

There is a peace that can come only with acceptance of where we are; after all, this is our destiny. We were chosen, as explorers, as adventure-seekers.

## PHOBOS AND DEIMOS NIGHTS

This ball of rust isn't a godforsaken desert. It was sculpted in a great clashing of half-molten rocks, much in the same way our home was. No, this, this is our brother

the jagged rocks that turn from hills into mountains. Elysium Mons. Jovis Tholus. Zephyria Tholus. Olympus Mons.

# THE AUTUMNAL MARS

## **The Autumnal Mars** (Track 5)

This is not the end; there is never an end.  
Rusted dirt caked against craters, our  
life-giving sun a hint of light in the haze of sky



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