CAST:

Big Bird, Hu Hu Zhu, Elmo

ONE WORLD, ONE SKY: BIG BIRD’S ADVENTURE

SESAME WORKSHOP
AS-BROAD ENGLISH – 9/8/08
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MUSIC: SESAME STREET THEME WITH AN ADVENTUROUS, “SPACE” TWIST TO IT TRAILING OFF WITH “CAN YOU TELL ...GET TO SESAME STREET” WHEN CAM FINDS BB.

TECH: THE HOUSE LIGHTS DIM TO HALF. THE DOME SKY IS BLUE FOR DAYTIME WITH THE SUN HIDDEN BEHIND A CLOUD LOW IN THE SKY.

PRE-SHOW PLANETARIUM ANNOUNCEMENTS

TECH: THE HOUSE LIGHTS DIM OUT AND A PROJECTION OF THE SESAME STREET SKYLINE/ROOFTOPS APPEARS.

PART 1: DAYTIME TO THE NIGHT SKY AND STARS WITH BIG BIRD

BIG BIRD: (SINGING IN VOICE-OVER) La, la, la, la, la --

CAMERA FINDS THE SESAME ROOFTOPS. BIG BIRD ENTERS, LOOKING UP AT THE DAYTIME/EVENING SKY.

BB: (SEES AUDIENCE). Hello, hi! Over here! It’s me, Big Bird. (LAUGHS) You know why I’m here? I’m going to look at the stars. (LOOKING UP) Gee, isn’t the sky beautiful? Oh, look around -- even behind you...

TECH: THE SUN APPEARS FROM BEHIND A CLOUD VERY LOW IN THE SKY.
BB: Oh, boy! Look, there’s the sun. Oh, I love the sun, it keeps my feathers warm. Oh ho, and you know what else? We just saw our first star. That’s right! The star I’m talking about is our Sun. The sun is a star. (LAUGHS) Yes, it just looks different from other stars because it’s so much closer than the stars we see at night. The sun is the one star we can see in the daytime!

TECH: THE SUN HAS MOVED DOWN TOWARD THE RIM AND TURNED RED/ORANGE.

BB: Oh, now the sun is kind of getting a red/orange color. And it’s lower in the sky. What do you think the sun is doing? ...You’re right, it’s setting! Ha ha, yep, soon it’ll get dark outside. But we can’t see the other stars until the sun sets, so let’s use our imagination and get the sun to set faster! You know how to use your imagination, right? ...Great, now let’s just count down from 5, and imagine the sun setting faster. Ready? Here we go!

TECH: THE SUN SETS FASTER TO THE COUNTING.

BB: 5 - Everybody-4-3-2-1! (WAVES) Everybody wave goodbye to the sun! Ha ha ha. Goodnight, sun! See you in the morning! Ha ha. Okay everybody, get ready, ’cause it’s going to get dark now…

BB (VOICE-OVER): Oh, look around -- can you see any stars now? Point if you see one...Oh, I see one...oh, and I see another one…and wow, now I can see lots and lots of stars. A zillion-gabillion! Imagine, each one of those stars is like our sun – only far, far away!
MUSIC: NIGHTTIME, MOON & STARS (TRT 1:23)
*CATCHY AND UP BEAT*
Words & Music by Jeff Moss
Additional Lyrics by Donna Elaine Miller

BB SINGS (VO):

Nighttime, moon and stars
So beautiful and bright
Light up all the sky
Wonder how and why

Warmly glows the sun
A star that shines by day
Stars are like the sun
Shining far away

High above the earth
Imagine there we are
Could we touch the moon?
Could we fly that far?

MUSIC: CONTINUES UNDER DIALOGUE

BB (VO): Hey, you know what I like to do? I like to use my imagination and make different shapes by connecting stars, like this…see those one, two, three stars?

TECH: SPECIAL EFFECT POINTS OUT THREE STARS IN A SECTION OF THE DOME AND THEN DRAWS A LINE CONNECTING THEM INTO A TRIANGLE ALONG WITH BIG BIRD’S VOICE-OVER.

*BB (VO): Ha ha, well if I connect them…what shape do they make? …Right, a triangle. Now, you try it! Pick out some stars and then imagine connecting them into different shapes – like, like a square! 1,2,3,4… a square. See? Okay, your turn. Go ahead, find some other shapes by using your finger and your imagination! You know, people all over the world look at the stars and see different kinds of shapes. So what are you going to make? What are you doing? What did you make? Hey that’s great imagining! And great stargazing!
MUSIC: BRIDGES BACK INTO THE CHORUS

Nighttime, moon and stars
Are worlds of wondrous fun
Nighttime, moon and stars
Shine on everyone

MUSIC: FADES OUT.

BB (VO): Let me show you another picture I know…

TECH: A SPECIAL EFFECT OR GLOW SLOWLY POINTS OUT THE STARS OF “THE BIG DIPPER” WITH BIG BIRD’S VOICE-OVER.

BB (VO): It’s made from these seven stars. Count them with me, okay? 1,2,3,4,5,6,7…

TECH: A LINE CONNECTS THE SEVEN STARS INTO THE CLASSIC “BIG DIPPER.”

BB (VO): …and when you connect them, it looks like a big spoon you dip into a pot of soup.

TECH: LINES OF BIG DIPPER CROSS FADE WITH AN ILLUSTRATION OF A BIG SPOON OVER THE “DIPPER.”

BB (VO): So, this group of stars is called – The Big Dipper! Get it? ‘Cause it looks like a big spoon in the sky! Ha ha.

TECH: THE “DIPPER” LINES AND SPOON DISAPPEAR.

PART 2A: ELMO AND HU HU ZHU ARRIVE

ELMO (VO): What’s that, Big Bird? There’s a big spoon in the sky? (LAUGHS)

*BIG BIRD (VO): Hey, do you recognize that voice? (ELMO LAUGHS) Who is it? Ah ha ha ha.
CAM TILTS DOWN FINDING BIG BIRD OFF THE ROOF AND DOWN ON THE PROJECTED SESAME STREET SET WITH ELMO AND HU HU ZHU.

ELMO: (TO AUDIENCE) Oh, hi, everybody!

BB: Hi, Elmo.

ELMO: Hi! Hi, Big Bird! (LAUGHS) Oh, Elmo is so happy to see all of you! Hi! (LAUGHS). Boy, Elmo’s so happy to see you. Oh! This is Elmo’s friend, Hu Hu Zhu. He’s visiting with his family from China.

HU HU ZHU’S CURLY TAIL POPS UP. HE SHAKES HIS TAIL A LITTLE.

BB: Elmo, your friend is a tail?

HU HU ZHU: Hmm?

ELMO: (LAUGHS) No, no, no! Stand up and say hi, Hu Hu Zhu!

HU HU ZHU POPS UP AND WAVES.

HU HU ZHU: Hello, everyone! Hi! Ni hao! (ELMO LAUGHS)

ELMO: Oh.

BB: What did you say, Hu Hu Zhu?

HU HU ZHU: Ni hao! That’s “hi” in Chinese. (TO ALL) Oh, oh! Try to say it.

ELMO: Okay.

HU HU ZHU: Repeat after me.

BB: Okay.

HU HU ZHU: (SLOWER) Ni hao.

ELMO/BB/AUDIENCE: Ni hao!

HU HU ZHU: Ha ha ha. Excellent!
ELMO: Oh yea! (LAUGHS)

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**HU HU ZHU TAKES OFF FOR A WALK AROUND THE WHOLE RIM AS HE TAKES IN SESAME STREET. ON THE WAY, HE ENCOUNTERS A HONKER, A DOG AND A WHITE CHICKEN.**

HU HU ZHU: Wow! So, this is Sesame Street!

ELMO: Yeah, it is Hu Hu Zhu.

HU HU ZHU: I like it… Buildings are so different from home… nice brownstone (I learned that today).

ELMO: Oh, good.

HU HU ZHU: … Oh, well excuse me, sir… honk honk right back at you! … strange little creature… oh, look! So beautiful flowers… oh, hi little doggie (LAUGHS) … wow, the trees are so lovely! They’re different too… Oh, oh uh pardon me, Mr. Chicken… (LAUGHS) silly little bird… (LAUGHS) Wow, nice park!! …

ELMO: Yeah, it is, isn’t it?

BB: I love parks.

HU HU ZHUS: This place is wonderful! (BACK WITH ELMO/BB, BREATHLESS) I feel like I just walked around the whole neighborhood! (LAUGHS)

BB: (LAUGHS) Well, Hu Hu Zhu, you did just walk around the neighborhood!

ELMO: Yeah.

HU HU ZHU: (LAUGHS) Around. (LAUGHS)

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ELMO: Hu Hu Zhu, what is China like?

**TECH: THREE “BUBBLES” WITH STILL PHOTOS OF A RIVER, MOUNTAINS, AND LAKES. FINALLY A CHINESE PARK FADES IN.**
HU HU ZHU: Well, China is far, far away from the United States.

ELMO: Ah.

HU HU ZHU: A lot of things are different than here, but a lot is the same.

ELMO: Really?

HU HU ZHU: Mm hmm. Uh, China has rivers

ELMO: Oh! Pretty!

BB: Wow.

HU HU ZHU: …and mountains...

ELMO: Wow, they’re big mountains!

BB: Mm hmm.

HU HU ZHU: And it has beautiful lakes.

BB: Oh, how pretty!

ELMO: That’s really beautiful!

HU HU ZHU: I live in the city.

ELMO: Oh, in the city?

HU HU ZHU: Mm hmmm. Oh, and one of my favorite things to do is to go to the park and play games with my friends.

ELMO: Oh, wow, that’s a pretty park.

BB: Sounds like fun.

HU HU ZHU: Mm hmm.

ELMO: Elmo does that on Sesame Street, too Hu Hu Zhu!
HU HU ZHU: Really?! Oh.

TECH: PARK PICTURE FADES OUT

ELMO: Yeah. (TURNS TO BB) Oh, wh-wh-wh-what was Big Bird talking about before? A soup spoon in the sky?!

HU HU ZHU: (WITH PROUD EXCITEMENT) Oh, oh I know! I know that. He was talking about bei dou qi xing.

ELMO: (TALKS TO AUDIENCE) Say what?


ELMO: (LOOKING UP) Oh well, where, where, where?! Elmo wants to see it!! Where is it?!

BB: (TO AUDIENCE) Oh hey, everybody, point and show Elmo where the Big Dipper is!

HU HU ZHU: Yeah!

THEY TURN THEIR BACKS TO LOOK UP AS THE FRAME TILTS UP TOWARDS THE DIPPER.

TECH: THE SEVEN STARS SPARKLE AS THE LINES CONNECTING THEM APPEAR ONCE MORE.

ELMO: Where is it, everybody? Where? Oh yeah! Oh there it is! Oh Elmo sees it! It is like a big spoon!

HU HU ZHU: Yeah, it’s pretty neat, huh, Elmo?

ELMO: Yeah! Thank you!

HU HU ZHU: (VO) We live in two totally different places but we both see the same stars. Oh! My favorite star is near The Big Dipper.
PART 2B: ELMO & HU HU ZHU ARRIVE (cont’d)

A POP UP WINDOW STRETCHES OPEN, AND HU HU ZHU PEEKS THROUGH IT.

HU HU ZHU: Want me to show it to you? (POINTS UPWARD) Okay! First, you find these two stars in the spoon – you see them?

TECH: HIGHLIGHT THE TWO STARS. THE LINES CONNECTING THE DIPPER DISAPPEAR EXCEPT FOR THE LINE CONNECTING THOSE TWO STARS.

ELMO POPS THROUGH THE SAME WINDOW NEXT TO HU HU ZHU.

ELMO: Oh, oh! Elmo sees them! Elmo sees them!

HU HU ZHU: Excellent -- now, follow the line that connects the two stars up into the sky –

TECH: THE LINE CONTINUES STRAIGHT OUT INTO THE SKY.

ELMO: Oh, okay. Elmo’s following.

HU HU ZHU HOLDS UP HIS HANDS TOGETHER TOWARDS THE STARS.

HU HU ZHU: Eh? Go about two hand lengths –

TECH: TWO CUTE LITTLE HU HU ZHU HANDS ARE PROJECTED ABOVE THE LINE AS IT CONTINUES AND STOPS AT THE NORTH STAR.

HU HU ZHU: -- and you’re there! You see it?

TECH: THE NORTH STAR SPARKLES AS THE LITTLE HANDS DISAPPEAR.

ELMO: Oh, yeah! Elmo sees it! It just sparkled. Cool! (LAUGHS)

HU HU ZHU: It’s called the North Star – bei ji xing.
ELMO: Be ji xing?

HU HU ZHU: That’s Chinese.

ELMO: Oh. (GIGGLE)

THE TWO BACK OUT AS THE POP UP WINDOW SHRINKS & DISAPPEARS. FRAME TILTS DOWN TO SHOW THE 3 PUPPETS

PART 2C: ELMO & HU HU ZHU ARRIVE (cont’d)

HU HU ZHU: (SIGHS) It’s not very bright, but it’s my favorite because my Grandma used to tell me stories about it.

BB: Oh?

ELMO: Yeah? Uh-huh.

HU HU ZHU: Sometimes, I even sing to it.

ELMO: Aw.

HU HU ZHU: (HUMS THE MELODY OF “TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR”) Hm hm hm hm hm hm hm hm hm hm hm hm.

ELMO: Hey! Wait a minute! Elmo knows that song!

BB: Yeah.

ELMO: It’s Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star!

BB: That’s right.

ELMO: Let’s sing it to Hu Hu Zhu’s favorite star - the North Star!

BB: Oh, okay.

HU HU ZHU: Okay.

ELMO: Everybody sing with us.
**MUSIC:  TWINKLE TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR  
(TRADITIONAL ARRANGEMENT)**

ELMO/BB/HU HU ZHU SING (IN ENGLISH):

Twinkle twinkle little star,
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle twinkle, little star
How I wonder what you are!

**MUSIC:   CONTINUES UNDERNEATH**

DURING THE SONG, THE STAR TWINKLES  
WITH DIAMOND-LIKE HIGHLIGHTS.

ELMO: (LAUGHS)

HU HU ZHU: Oh oh oh oh!!! Do you want to hear  
the same song in Chinese?

ELMO/BB: Oh!

ELMO: Oh! Elmo would love to hear it.

BB: Yes.

HU HU ZHU: “Star” in Chinese is xing xing -- try to  
say it.

ELMO/BB/AUDIENCE: Xing xing.

HU HU ZHU: Excellent. Now listen closely when I  
sing and see if you can hear it!

ELMO: Oh!

**THE BG SUDDENLY MORPHS INTO THE CHINESE  
SET.**

**MUSIC:  THE MELODY COMES AROUND AGAIN**

ELMO: (Looks around). Oh! Wow! Look, look!  
We’re in China, Big Bird!
BB: Yeah, and look! You can see the same stars that we see on Sesame Street! (ALL: Wow!)

HU HU ZHU SINGS (IN CHINESE):

DURING SONG, CAMERA TILTS UP TO FEATURE NORTH STAR AND ROOFTOPS OF CHINESE SET.

Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star.
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle twinkle, little star
How I wonder what you are!

EE-shun, EE-shun, leang jing jing
Mahn tyen doh sher sheow shing shing
Gwah dzai tyen koung fahng gwang ming
How sheyahng shur dwawh sheow yehn jing
EE-shun, EE-shun, leang jing jing
Mahn tyen doh shur she-ow shing shing

MUSIC: BUTTONS

BB: Aw.

ELMO: Aw (LAUGHS)

HU HU ZHU: (LAUGHS)

PART 3A: ELMO, BIG BIRD AND HU HU ZHU LEARN TO SAY “YUE LIANG” (ENGLISH VERSION)

ELMO: (VO) Hey, where’s the moon?

BB: (VO) (TO AUDIENCE) Hey everybody, do you see the moon anywhere?

A POP UP WINDOW STRETCHES OPEN, AND ELMO, HU HU ZHU, AND BIG BIRD PEEK THROUGH IT.
THEY ALL LOOK AROUND. ELMO SEES THE CRESCENT MOON LOW IN THE SKY.

ELMO: (POINTS) Oh, hey hey hey! Elmo sees it!

BB/ELMO/HU HU ZHU: Ohhh!

HU HU ZHU: (WAVES TO MOON) Ni hao, yue liang.

ELMO: Huh? (TO AUDIENCE) Elmo thinks Hu Hu Zhu just said something in Chinese again.

HU HU ZHU: Oh, I said “hello moon.” Yue liang means moon.

ELMO: Oh! (LAUGHS)

HU HU ZHU: Repeat after me – (SLOWLY) Yue liang.

ELMO/BB/AUDIENCE: Yue liang.

HU HU ZHU: Excellent!

BB: Hey, let’s all really look at the moon!

ELMO: Okay. (GIGGLES)

THE CHARACTERS BACK OUT AS THE WINDOW SHRINKS AWAY. BIG BIRD’S BEAK GET’S CAUGHT.

BB: (muffled) Uh oh.

ELMO (vo): Elmo and Hu Hu Zhu will help you, Big Bird.

THEY GRUNT AS THEY PULL BIG BIRD BACK THROUGH. THE REST OF THE WINDOW SHRINKS & DISAPPEARS.

BB: (in echo) Hey, Thanks, guys!
PART 3B - ELMO AND HU HU ZHU IMAGINE THEIR WAY TO THE MOON

BB (VO): That shape is called a crescent.

ELMO: Wow.

HU HU ZHU: Ohhh…

ELMO (VO): Wait, the moon sometimes makes Elmo think of the nursery rhyme – Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle, the cow jumped over the moon!

BB/ELMO/HU HU ZHU: (laugh)

TECH: DISSOLVE IN AND OUT A COMICAL COW JUMPING OVER THE MOON.

COW (VO): Moooooooo!

ELMO: WHOAAAA!

HU HU ZHU (VO): We have a story in China about a white rabbit and the moon.

TECH: DISSOLVE IN AND OUT A WHITE RABBIT ON THE MOON, PULLING HIMSELF UP ONTO THE CRESCENT MOON AND WIGGLING HIS NOSE.

SFX: NOSE WIGGLE SOUNDS

WE TILT BACK DOWN TO SEE THE GROUP.

BB/ELMO: Ohhh

BB: You know, I wonder what’s really up there.

ELMO: Yeah.

BB: Are there trees, or flowers, or animals?

ELMO: Big Bird, Hu Hu Zhu, has anybody been to the moon?

HU HU ZHU: Oh oh oh I know! People went to the moon in a spaceship.
TECH: CLASSIC VIDEO OF A SPACESHIP (NO VISIBLE LOGO) ABOUT TO BLAST OFF! APPEARS TO THEIR LEFT AS THEY WATCH.

ELMO/BB: Ohhh..

ELMO: Oh look look!

HU HU ZHU: Oh look. WOW! (Clears his throat) 3,

ELMO/HU HU ZHU: 2, 1

BB/HU HU ZHU/ELMO: BLAST OFF!!!!

SFX: ENGINE ROAR!
TECH: THE SPACESHIP BLASTS UPWARD INTO THE DOME. CAM FOLLOWS THE SPACESHIP UP.

HU HU ZHU: (laughs)

ELMO: Whoaaa!

HU HU ZHU: Whoaa.

ELMO: Look at that!

BB: Wow.

HU HU ZHU: Wow, it goes so high!

ELMO: Really high! (LAUGHS) Whoa!

BB: Wow.

ELMO: Wow! Elmo wishes he could blast off to the moon and find out all about it. But Elmo doesn’t have a spaceship.

HU HU ZHU: Oh well.

TECH: THE SPACESHIP IMMEDIATELY DISAPPEARS.
SFX: ENGINE SOUNDS CUT OUT

BB: Wait, wait, wait!
ELMO: What, what Big Bird?!

BB: I have an idea. Why not use your imagination…

HU HU ZHU: (GASPS)

BB: …to get to the moon?

ELMO: Oh good idea, Big Bird!

HU HU ZHU: Of course! You can use your imagination to go anywhere!

ELMO: Yeah! (TO AUDIENCE) Hey everybody, help Elmo and Hu Hu Zhu, okay? And use your imagination.

HU HU ZHU: Yes.

ELMO: The moon is really, really far away.

HU HU ZHU: So everyone, imagine Elmo and I are up on that big, crescent moon, okay?

ELMO: Yeah, go ahead.

BB: Okay.

HU HU ZHU: Are you imagining?

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TECH: THE MOON STARTS TO GET BIGGER & BIGGER IN THE DOME AS IF IT’S GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER. CAM TILTS UP AND ZOOMS IN TO THE MOON LOSING THE MUPPETS & SET.

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ELMO (VO): Oh!

BB (VO): I am.

ELMO (VO): It’s working, it’s working!

HU HU ZHU (VO): Whoa!

ELMO (VO): We’re getting closer!
HU HU ZHU (VO): (Laughs) Keep imagining! (laughs)

ELMO (VO): Yeah! (LAUGHS)

TECH: THE MOON ALMOST FILLS UP THE DOME.

ELMO (VO): Send Elmo and Hu Hu Zhu to the moon!

ELMO/HU HU ZHU: (Both giggle and laugh)

SPEC/EFX: COLORFUL STAR BURST
SFX: COLORFUL STARBURST SOUND!

PART 4: HU HU ZHU AND ELMO on the MOON

SPEC/EFX: COLORFUL STAR BURST
SFX: COLORFUL STARBURST SOUND!

TECH: A MOONSCAPE APPEARS WRAPPING AROUND THE RIM.

ELMO AND HU HU ZHU (FULL BODY) ARE STANDING ON THE MOONSCAPE. THEY ARE WEARING HELMETS.

ELMO: (TO AUDIENCE, AWE-STRUCK) Whoa! Boy, great imagining, everybody!

HU HU ZHU: Alright, you did it!

ELMO: Give yourselves a great, big hand!

HU HU ZHU: Excellent! (LAUGHS)

ELMO: Yay! (LAUGHS)

HU HU ZHU AND ELMO CLAP FOR AUDIENCE. THEY LOOK IN ALL DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS AT THE MOONSCAPE IN AWE.

ELMO: Wow!
ELMO/ HU HU ZHU: Whoa!

HU HU ZHU: The moon doesn’t look anything like where we live.

ELMO: Hu Hu Zhu can say that again.

HU HU ZHU: The moon doesn’t look anything like where we live.

ELMO: Hu Hu Zhu. (BOTH LAUGH) Elmo can’t see any trees or flowers or animals.

HU HU ZHU: Yeah. It’s a whole, different world.

ELMO: Yeah. Hey, why are Elmo and Hu Hu Zhu wearing these helmets?

HU HU ZHU: Oh! Oh, oh I know! -- because there’s no air up here on the moon. We need helmets to give us air to breathe.

ELMO: Well, if there’s no air, Elmo wonders what we can do on the moon?

HU HU ZHU: Hmm. Oooh, I wonder if I can fly a kite on the moon?

TECH: A VIDEO IMAGE POPS UP OF A KID FLYING A CHINESE KITE. STARTS WITH KITE WAIST HIGH THEN WE SEE IT GO UP. THE VIDEO GROWS TO OBSCURE ELMO & HU HU ZHU AS THEY COMMENT. AS THE VIDEO WINDOW SHRINKS BACK & POPS, THE KITE FALLS OUT ONTO THE MOON’S IN FRONT OF THEM.

ELMO: Oh look at that!

HU HU ZHU: Ohhh look. Wow!

ELMO: Wow, pretty kite!

HU HU ZHU: Beautiful. Whoa, look how high it’s flying! Oh!
ELMO: Yeah!

HU HU ZHU: (giggles) Ah, pretty.


HU HU ZHU: The kite! Elmo, let’s try to fly this kite!

ELMO: Oh yeah, yeah, yeah, go ahead, Hu Hu Zhu!

HU HU ZHU: Okay, alright…

ELMO: Okay.

HU HU ZHU: Here it goes! Okay, running, run fast to fly the kite. I love to fly, eh, to fly this...

HU HU ZHU TRIES TO RUN WITH THE KITE STRING. THE KITE DRAGS AFTER HIM.

ELMO: (LAUGHS) Oh, uh Hu Hu Zhu, Hu Hu Zhu.

HU HU ZHU: This kite is…

ELMO: It’s just dragging on the ground!

HU HU ZHU: …not really going anywhere.

ELMO: The kite is just dragging.

HU HU ZHU: Yeah. (BOTH LAUGHING) Elmo, Elmo, you need wind to fly a kite, right? Well, if there’s no air to breathe, and wind is moving air --

HU HU ZHU (STARTS HOPPING BACK TOWARDS ELMO).

ELMO: Ha ha ha – Elmo understands! (LAUGHS) If there’s no air, then there’s no wind to fly a kite! Oh! (LAUGHS)

HU HU ZHU: Right! I’m flying higher than the kite can! (LAUGHING)
ELMO: Elmo is too!

*ELMO JUMPS AND HOPS HIGHER AND HIGHER (1/6TH THE GRAVITY OF EARTH).*

ELMO: Look! Look what happens when Elmo runs!

HU HU ZHU: Oh, look! You hop and jump!!

ELMO: Yeah! (LAUGHS) Weeeeee! Elmo can really JUMMMPPPPPPP on the moon!

*THEY JUMP EVEN HIGHER.*

HU HU ZHU: Oh this is so cool!

15 sec for moon BG turn

ELMO AND HU HU ZHU START TO HOP AS THE MOON BACKGROUND TURNS. ELMO IS UP IN THE AIR.

ELMO: Yeah! Oh watch this Hu Hu Zhu – *(HE PRETENDS TO DUNK AN IMAGINARY BASKETBALL,)* Slam dunk! (LAUGHS)

*HU HU ZHU SEES A CRATER AND POINTS TO IT.*

HU HU ZHU: (LAUGHS) Basketball! Oh Elmo, look!

ELMO: (POINTS) Oh look – a hole.

HU HU ZHU: Mmm hmm! It’s called a “crater.”

ELMO: A crater?

HU HU ZHU: Mmm hmm.

ELMO: Oh well Hu Hu Zhu, let’s jump in the crater!

HU HU ZHU: Good idea!

ELMO: Okay.

ELMO/HU HU ZHU: Weeeeeeeeee!!!
THEY JUMP AND DISAPPEAR INTO CRATERS.

PART 4B: ELMO & HU HU ZHU on MOON
THEY JUMP OUT AGAIN AND DOWN INTO ANOTHER ONE.

HU HU ZHU: We’re hopping in craters!

ELMO: This is so cool!

PART 4C: ELMO & HU HU ZHU on MOON

ELMO/HU HU ZHU: (Laughing) Weeeeeee!

ELMO LANDS.

ELMO: That was fun, Hu Hu Zhu!

HU HU ZHU: That was a lot of fun!

ELMO: Yeah. Oh, can Elmo play soccer on the moon?

TECH: A VIDEO IMAGE POPS UP OF CHILD KICKING A SOCCER BALL. IT CLEARLY DOESN’T GO TOO FAR. THE VIDEO GROWS TO OBSCURE ELMO & HU HU ZHU AS THEY COMMENT. AS THE VIDEO WINDOW SHRINKS BACK & POPS, THE BALL FALLS OUT ON TO THE MOON’S SURFACE IN FRONT OF ELMO.

HU HU ZHU: Oh, I don’t know (GASPS). Look at that!

ELMO: Wooooow.

HU HU ZHU: Wow!

ELMO: Wow, that’s a cool soccer ball.

HU HU ZHU: Mmm hmmm.

ELMO: Whoaaa! Oh, oh!
HU HU ZHU: Oo! Look! The ball! Oh, oh!

ELMO: (LAUGHS) Yeah.

HU HU ZHU: Try to kick it, Elmo.

ELMO: Oh, okay. Okay, Hu Hu Zhu. Here Elmo goes!

HU HU ZHU: Okay!

ELMO GIVES THE BALL A HARD KICK. IT FLIES HIGH OVERHEAD AND DISAPPEARS BELOW THE RIM ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE DOME. HU HU ZHU AND ELMO TALK TO EACH OTHER AND THE AUDIENCE.

HU HU ZHU: Wow, look it really… It…

ELMO: Wow!

HU HU ZHU: Huuuuuh!

ELMO: Look how far! (GIGGLES)

HU HU ZHU: Whoa! (DEADPAN) You can be on my team, anytime Elmo.

ELMO: Oh thanks, Hu Hu Zhu, but Elmo never kicked a ball that far on Sesame Street!

HU HU ZHU: Yeah, everything moves differently here. Pretty strange

ELMO: Yeah.

HU HU ZHU: And really cool!

ELMO: Really cool!

ELMO LOOKS UP AT THE SKY AND SEES THE EARTH.

TECH: THE PACIFIC OCEAN SIDE OF EARTH IS VISIBLE AS WELL AS THE PARTS OF CHINA AND THE US.
ELMO: (POINTS UPWARD) Even the moon is different. It’s so blue. And much bigger.

HU HU ZHU: Wait, wait, time out -- Elmo, we are on the moon. (POINTS) That’s not the moon!

ELMO: What?

HU HU ZHU: (TO AUDIENCE) Hey everyone! Do you know what that is up in the sky? Tell Elmo.

ELMO: What? (LAUGHS)

HU HU ZHU: Right, it’s our home.

ELMO: Yes.

HU HU ZHU: It’s –

ELMO/HU HU ZHU: Earth!

ELMO: Wow, that’s cool. It’s where Elmo and Hu Hu Zhu lives!

HU HU ZHU: Mm hmm.

ELMO: Sesame Street is up there too!

HU HU ZHU: (GASPS) Oh- what- where- look! (POINTS) I can see my country – China.

ELMO: Wow.

TECH: HIGHLIGHT CHINA ON THE DOME.

HU HU ZHU: (POINTING) Oh, and there’s the…

ELMO/HU HU ZHU: United States!

TECH: HIGHLIGHT THE USA ON THE DOME

ELMO: Why is the, why is the earth so blue?

HU HU ZHU: (POINTING) Oh, oh uh the oceans look blue from way up here.
ELMO: Oh.

HU HU ZHU: But you know what’s still the same on the moon? (POINTS)

ELMO: What, Hu Hu Zhu?

HU HU ZHU: We can still see the stars.

ELMO: Oh yeah. The stars. (GIGGLES) Our home is up in the sky with the stars.

HU HU ZHU: (SIGHS)

ELMO: Elmo misses Sesame Street, and Elmo’s friends, and Elmo’s pet goldfish Dorothy. You know what Hu Hu Zhu? Elmo wants to go back home.

HU HU ZHU: Me, too.

HU HU ZHU: I miss my parents and my friends (GASPS) and dumplings –

ELMO: Yeah. Elmo loves dumplings too.

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PART 4C INS A: BIG BIRD POPS IN

TECH: A THOUGHT BUBBLE POPS UP OUT OF THE EARTH OF BIG BIRD.

BB: (IN BUBBLE) Well, if you want to come home, just imagine you’re back on earth.

ELMO/HU HU ZHU: Oh! Good idea—

HU HU ZHU: Big Bird.

ELMO: Yeah, good idea Big Bird.

TECH: THOUGHT BUBBLE SHRINKS DOWN. BIG BIRD’S BEAK GETS CAUGHT AGAIN.

BB: (muffled): Oh, not again!

ELMO: Oh, oh, well Elmo will help you, Big Bird.
HU HU ZHU: Uh oh.

*HE HOPS, JUMPS, PUSHES BIRD’S BEAK BACK THROUGH. THE WINDOW SHRINKS AWAY.*

BB: (in echo) Oh, oh thanks, Elmo.

ELMO: You’re welcome Big Bird.

HU HU ZHU: Why didn’t I think of using our imagination?! (TO AUDIENCE) Oh, hey everybody, we will need some imagination help again.

ELMO: Oh yeah yeah yeah! Yeah, imagine Elmo and Hu Hu Zhu are back on Sesame Street with Big Bird.

HU HU ZHU: Yeah! (CONCENTRATES) I’m imagining -- (TO AUDIENCE) -- are you?

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**TECH: THE EARTH STARTS TO GET BIGGER & BIGGER IN THE DOME AS IF IT’S GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER. CAM TILTS UP AND ZOOMS IN TO THE EARTH.**

ELMO (VO): Yeah! It’s working! It’s working!

HU HU ZHU (VO): Okay, good.

ELMO (VO): The Earth is getting closer!

HU HU ZHU (VO): Good! Oh, keep imagining!

ELMO (VO): Yes, please keep imagining!

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**SPEC/EFX: COLORFUL STAR BURST**

**SFX: COLORFUL STAR BURST SOUND!**
PART 5: HU HU ZHU & ELMO return to Earth

BIG BIRD, ELMO AND HU HU ZHU ARE TOGETHER AGAIN ON SESAME STREET.

ELMO/ HU HU ZHU: (laugh)

HU HU ZHU: (TO AUDIENCE) Wow – you have excellent imaginations!

ELMO: Yeah…

BB: So, how was the moon?

ELMO: Oh, Big Bird, very, very different – but cool! (LAUGHS)

HU HU ZHU: And there was no sign of a rabbit or a jumping cow.

ELMO: Mm mm.

BB: Oh.

ELMO: (LOOKS UP) Elmo still loves to look at it.

HU HU ZHU: Yeah.

ELMO: Oh, and Hu Hu Zhu’s favorite star. Where is it again?

BB: (AUDIENCE) We have to show him, everybody.

HU HU ZHU: Yeah.

ELMO: Oh, okay.

TECH: THE BIG DIPPER AND THE LINE TO THE NORTH STAR REAPPEAR. THE NORTH STAR SPARKLES.

ELMO: Where? Okay. (POINTS) Oh over there!

HU HU ZHU: Oh oh! That’s right!
ELMO: Wow, Elmo sees it, thank you!

BB: Hey!

ELMO: Huh?

BB: Why don’t we call the North Star our friendship star!

HU HU ZHU: Oh, oh.

BB: That way, when Hu Hu Zhu goes back to China,

ELMO: Uh huh.

BB: …we can all look at the same star and remember our night together stargazing.

HU HU ZHU: Wow.

ELMO: Oh great idea, Big Bird, it’ll be our own friendship star.

HU HU ZHU: Oh, because even though we live in two different places, we see the same stars!

BB/ELMO/HU HU ZHU: Yeah.

I WONDER ‘BOUT THE SKY ABOVE UP THERE
(TRT 2.22)
Words & Music by Donald Siegal
(additional lyrics by Donna Elaine Miller)

ALL SING:
Have you ever noticed
All the twinkling stars above us?
If you haven’t noticed
Open up your eyes and see
What a great adventure it can be

HU HU ZHU SINGS:
I see the moon where I live
ELMO: Yeah.

ELMO SINGS:
Elmo sees the same bright moon where he lives

HU HU ZHU SINGS:
Shining in the darkness

ELMO AND HU HU ZHU SING:
It’s a wonder we can share
Let imagination take you there

TECH: THE EASTERN RIM STARTS TO GLOW RED
DIALOGUE:

ELMO: (CHUCKLE)

BB: (TO AUDIENCE) Hey, what’s that glow in the sky? (POINTS)

ELMO: Oh!

HU HU ZHU: It’s the sun!

ELMO/HU HU ZHU: It’s the sunrise! (LAUGH)

BB: Oh, it’s the sun -- our daytime star!

HU HU ZHU: It’s rising again; it will be a new day!

ELMO: Mm hrm.

HU HU ZHU: Wow, it’s been amazing to be stargazing with you!

ELMO: And remember, wherever you live in the world, look up at the moon and the stars.

BB: We’ll watch them, too.

BRIDGE SUNG BY ALL:
One thing we’ve learned about the sky up there
No matter where we go it’s everywhere
It’s everywhere!

ALL SING:
Now the sun is rising
Lighting up a new tomorrow
Isn’t it surprising
We’re at home among the stars
All of us together

ELMO SINGS: Da da da!

HU HU ZHU: Discover the view

ELMO SINGS: Da da da!

ALL: If you haven’t noticed
Please do

HU HU ZHU: Don't forget our friendship star!

ALL: Please do

ELMO: Remember Elmo loves you!

ALL: PLEASE DO, (LAUGH) Bye Bye!

THEY ALL WAVE AND SAY GOODBYE.

MUSIC: AN INSTRUMENTAL MEDLEY OF
“NIGHTTIME, MOON & STARS,” SEGUE TO
“WONDER ‘BOUT THE WORLD” SEGUE TO
SESAME STREET THEME WITH A BIT OF A
“SPACE” FEEL.

FADE OUT ON THE DOME AS HOUSE LIGHTS
RETURN.

THE END