

## Glorious Dawn: Sagan, Hawking Sing (w/Video)

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Astronomer and long time science advocate Carl Sagan once said that he was "not very good at singing songs." But on Nov. 9 in Washington D.C., his voice could be heard singing about the wonders of universe -- 13 years after his death.

"A Glorious Dawn" is a new <u>music video</u> that features Sagan and astronomer <u>Stephen Hawking</u>. It was played during a meeting of The Planetary Society, a nonprofit organization founded by Sagan in 1980 to advocate for <u>planetary exploration</u> and the search for extraterrestrial life.

Composer John Boswell created the video by cutting together clips from the PBS documentaries "Cosmos" and "Stephen Hawking's Universe". Boswell added music, a beat and used Auto-Tune -- a program originally designed to correct the pitch of singers -- to tweak the pitch of each astronomer's voice and create a melody.

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