

## Uh Oh, Pluto

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- 1 Once Pluto was proud to be called one of nine planets.  
But astronomers decided he was too small,  
too far from the sun, made unpredictable orbits.  
They tore pictures of poor Pluto off walls
- 5 and museum halls showed only eight planets.  
Happily, Pluto found new friends, whirling balls  
Of rocks, dust, and ice called comets.  
Orbiting whimsically together, Pluto is greatest of all!

Note: Once considered the ninth planet, Pluto was reclassified as a "dwarf planet" in 2006.