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I like big basins and I cannot lie
You scientists can't deny
That when a crater formed 4 billion years ago
And that's where the spacecraft goes
You'll get sprung!
Wanna land your stuff
Cause you'll notice that basin's stuffed
With climate records in the sediments
And ejecta in the pediments
Big basins, I wanna get wit'cha
And take some pictures
Though others try to dis 'em
They're holes so big you just can't miss 'em!
Ooh ring of mountains
Of knowledge they are fountains
Push the ages later, later
Cause this ain't no average crater
I've seen them ice layers
Phoenix will go there
Let's be bold, old, ancient records will be told
Even if all you wanna see
Is stuff formed recently
Layers, landslides, water tracks -
Basins got all that
So scientists (yeah!), engineers (yeah!)
Is the case for craters clear? (Hell yeah!)
Then let's go there, land it, hand out the cigars
A basin on Mars!

References: [1] Mix-a-Lot, S. (1991) Baby Got Back. In *Mack Daddy*, American: CD.

Fig. 1 (right) THEMIS VIS image of gullies in Argyre Basin (17.4 km across).

Fig. 2 (below) MOC image showing layers within Argyre basin (3 km high).

