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Zeus, God of the Universe, has taken a step in a new direction and created the first woman on Earth – named Pandora. Pandora is a young, vibrant, and, above all, curious creature who can't help but wonder at the world and sing about its beauty.

PANDORA

(Singing.)
HELLO WORLD.
HERE AM I.
IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO MEET YOU.
HELLO WORLD
THERE YOU LIE
SO I CANNOT HELP BUT GREET YOU.

EV'RY TREE, EV'RY SEA, EV'RY FIELD TO ME IS REVEALED TO ME AND SO...

HELLO WORLD
IT'S A PLEASURE
WITHOUT ANY KIND OF MEASURE.
HELLO WORLD.
HELLO.

Tentatively, PANDORA examines the stage, with increasing vigor.

PANDORA

(Singing.)
HELLO WORLD.
HOW D'YOU DO?

PANDORA (CONT)

OH, THE THINGS YOUR SIGHTS DO TO ME.

HELLO WORLD
I'LL LOVE YOU
AS IF YOU YOUR DEAR SELF GREW ME.

EV'RY WREN, EV'RY GLEN, EV'RY STREAM TO ME IS A DREAM TO ME AND SO...

HELLO WORLD
IT'S A BLESSING
THAT I CANNOT HELP CONFESSING.
HELLO WORLD.
HELLO WORLD.
HELLO.

Ecstatic, PANDORA introduces herself to every object SHE can find.

PANDORA

(Singing.)
THERE'S SO MUCH TO SEE,
THERE'S SO MUCH TO KNOW,
THAT I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START.
SO MUCH CALLS TO ME,
SO MUCH CALLS "HELLO,"
THAT I'LL ANSWER WITH MY HEART:

HELLO WORLD.
WHAT A SIGHT.
IT'S SO MARVELOUS TO BE HERE.
HELLO WORLD
YOU'RE SO BRIGHT
I FEEL TALL AND STRONG AND FREE HERE.

EV'RY CLOUD SCREAMS ALOUD WITH SUCH CHEER AT ME "HEY, LOOK HERE AT ME" AND SO...

HELLO WORLD.
WHAT AN HONOR
YOU SAID "LET'S BESTOW UPON HER."
HELLO WORLD.
HHELO WORLD.

HELLO! HELLO WORLD. HELLO!