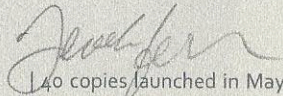


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derek beaulieu's visual poem "Chessboard (for Christian Bök)" presents an 8x8 grid of monochromatic squares, an image inspired by the pixellated portraits of the newly discovered Trappist-1 planetary system (available online). The Trappist planetary system, named by NASA after an order of monks whose members rarely spoke, contains seven roughly Earth-sized planets which orbit an ultra-cool dwarf star. Three of these planets orbit the star (which is, itself, only slightly larger than Jupiter), within its "habitable zone". In other words, these three planets are more likely than the others in the system to be habitable, or possibly to support extraterrestrial life.



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