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A Sketch Of The Physical Description Of The Universe: Introduction

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Humboldt's (1769 – 1859) great scientific and literary achievement was the multi-volumned *Cosmos*, twenty years in the writing, in which he attempted to describe the known physical world. Humboldt's lyrical style of writing influenced the subsequent genre of nature writing as well as many of the towering figures of the Romantic movement. This librivox recording is of the Introduction to *Cosmos*. The Introduction gives a good measure of the breadth of Humboldt's mind and is a pleasure to read or hear because of its literary felicity.

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