Sound is more than noise:- Do whales sing in spirals, and can humans talk on Mars?

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We have seen photographs of alien landscapes; but we have never heard what Mars or Venus sound like. And on Earth, the sounds we use to communicate and evoke emotions do not approach the limits of how sound can be used.

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