

WOW! WHO KNEW?

"From about age two or two-and-a-half to five, the biggest change is that children are more and more able to sing by themselves, rather than depending on a recording or someone else singing, too.... They are also much more likely to make up spontaneous songs on their own, or sing their own special version of a song they know. Their singing is still most accurate in ending or beginning phrases, but now they are also able to sing an approximation of the melodic contour all the way through a song. In other words, they might not get the notes right, but they know when to go "up" and when to go "down." Since most children have basic competence in speech by about age three, the words in songs have become much more recognizable,...but they usually distract the child from the tonal elements of the song. Consequently, children in this group tend to perform songs without words more accurately than songs with words..."

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Are you hearing this at home, too? Let us know!