



Talk With Me
Early Language Services

Developmental Responses to Music

At first, your baby will...

- Be soothed and calmed by being sung to
- Have favorite songs, usually because of the sounds of the words or the particular rhythm
- Watch adults closely while they sing
- Get excited when anticipating a favorite part of a song
- Rocks and moves to music
- Vocalize when sung to
- Request that a song continue by vocalizing, banging, looking, and moving his/her body
- Begin to imitate simple actions from songs

Later on, your baby will...

- Enjoy songs with accompanying actions (*Wheels on the Bus*)
- Understand the meanings of some actions and words and will use them when an adult sings the songs
- Request songs by using particular actions and words
- Fill in the words of familiar songs
- Begin to sing parts of tunes
- Enjoy personalized songs

