

“Once I Was 5 Years Old?”

Song Writing Project

- Become familiar with the tune. Sing-along with the video until you feel comfortable singing the melody. (This is a hard song- lots of words!)
- **Brainstorm memories from your life**
- Pick your favorite memories and use them to change the lyrics of the original song to make it your own.
- **Make sure that your words match the syllables of the original lyrics to keep the same rhythm.**



Brainstorm...

Lyrics

Once	I	was	5	years	old

My	par-	-ents	told	me

It's	time	to	go	to	school

But	don't	you	wor-	-ry

Once	I	was	5	years	old

It was a big, big world, but we thought we were bigger
Pushing each other to the limits we were learning quicker
Crazy to think how much we've grown when we look in the mirror
And now we're leaving time to go, I guess I'll see you later

Once	I	was	7	years	old

My	ma-	-ma	told	me

Go	make	your-	-self	some	friends

Or	you'll	be	lone-	-ly

Once	I	was	7	years	old

My friends are always there, we'll stick up for each other
 No matter where we go we'll always have mem'ries together
 And even if we have to say goodbye come September
 We'll have the good times at the Later El to remember

Once	I	was	9	years	old

My	friends	→	told	me

Come	play	a	game	with	us

And	don't	you	wor-	-ry

Once	I	was	9	years	old

I only see my goals, I don't believe in failure
 'Cause I know the smallest voices, they can make it major
 I got my friends with me and they will never let me waiver
 As we face the future hand in hand, we'll make it better

Once	I	was	11	years	old

My	tea-	-chers	told	me

You	can	do	this	try	your	best

And	don't	you	wor-	-ry

Once	I	was	11	years	old

Soon	we'll	be	grad-	-u-	-a-	-ting

It's	scar-	-y	and	ex-	-ci-	-ting

but	we're	rea-	-dy	for	this	now

so	don't	you	wor-	-ry

Soon	we'll	be	grad-	-u-	-a-	-ting

X2



(Same as beginning)

Once	I	was	5	years	old

My	par-	-ents	told	me

It's	time	to	go	to	school

But	don't	you	wor-	-ry

Once	I	was	5	years	old

Once I was _____ years old