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Subject: Pretty much OT, but musical, at least :)  
Posted by [Sarah](#) on Mon, 10 Mar 2008 08:28:17 GMT  
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Hey,

Been busily adding old Led Z to my iPod, and it reminded me of something I noticed back when I first bought LZ III. Did anyone else notice a change in Robert Plant's voice between II and III? I was noticing how full and throaty his high notes are on the first two albums, like on "Communication Breakdown" and "The Lemon Song," and it seems like starting on III his high range got kind of squeaky and falsetto-ish. Did he fry his throat a bit on their early tours? Was the real Robert Plant replaced by an alien? Am I just imagining the whole thing?

Stay tuned for these and other terribly important questions on the next episode of How Sarah Wastes Her Precious Spare Time.

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"Shaba baba eep beep beep beeah, floppa doobie hoop deeah oowee" - Sarah Vaughn, Lullaby of Birdland

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Mon, 10 Mar 2008 12:58:00 GMT  
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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Mon, 10 Mar 2008 14:27:05 GMT  
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Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Mon, 10 Mar 2008 16:34:21 GMT  
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There's an annoying little ad at the beginning of this. After that is's major thunder and lightning.

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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 08:52:30 GMT  
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Posted by [Neil](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2008 06:28:43 GMT

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2008 08:04:18 GMT  
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Young Bonham, Moby Dick

<http://www2.teenmusic.com/video/view/id/7866/Led-Zeppelin-Moby-Dick-Live-Video.html>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cRuTcnd8YLU>

More Zep

<http://www2.teenmusic.com/video/search/keywords/Led+Zeppelin/type/all/>

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