Look at Me Now

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CAST:
Child 1
Child 2
Child 3
Child 4

All: When I was a little baby,

Child 1: I could smile.
Child 2: I could cry.
Child 3: I could drink milk.
Child 4: I could hold my toes.

All: But when I was a little baby,

Child 1: I couldn’t eat spaghetti.
Child 2: I couldn’t say my name.
Child 3: I couldn’t catch a ball.
Child 4: I couldn’t play games.

All: Just look at me now!
All: When I was one year old,
Child 1: I could wave.
Child 2: I could walk.
Child 3: I could play peekaboo.
Child 4: I could sit in a highchair.

All: But when I was one year old,
Child 1: I couldn’t talk on the telephone,
Child 2: I couldn’t draw an elephant.
Child 3: I couldn’t climb a tree.
Child 4: I couldn’t wash my hands.

All: Just look at me now!

All: When I was two years old,
Child 1: I could play in the sandbox.
Child 2: I could look at picture books.
Child 3: I could eat with a spoon
Child 4: I could blow bubbles.
All: But when I was two years old,

Child 1: I couldn’t write my name.

Child 2: I couldn’t jump rope.

Child 3: I couldn’t button my coat.

Child 4: I couldn’t make a tent.

All: Just look at me now!

All: When I was three years old,

Child 1: I could ride a tricycle.

Child 2: I could count 1, 2, 3.

Child 3: I could put on my socks.

Child 4: I could build with blocks.

All: But when I was three years old,

Child 1: I couldn’t read a story.

Child 2: I couldn’t pour my juice.

Child 3: I couldn’t tie my shoes.

Child 4: I couldn’t skip.

All: Just look at me now!
All: When I was four years old,
Child 1: I could dance and sing.
Child 2: I could wash the dog.
Child 3: I could paint.
Child 4: I could brush my teeth.
All: But when I was four years old,
Child 1: I couldn’t push a big cart.
Child 2: I couldn’t write the letters.
Child 3: I couldn’t play kickball.
Child 4: I couldn’t count to fifty.
All: Just look at me now!
All: When I was five years old,
Child 1: I could stand on one foot.
Child 2: I could make my bed.
Child 3: I could play dress-up.
Child 4: I could do puzzles.
All: But when I was five years old,

Child 1: I couldn’t make a sandwich.

Child 2: I couldn’t spell pig.

Child 3: I couldn’t remember my address.

Child 4: I couldn’t count by tens.

All: Just look at me now!

All: Now I’m in first grade.

Child 1: I can stand on my head.

Child 2: I can be in a play.

Child 3: I can set the table.

Child 4: I can read numbers.

All: And now that I’m in first grade,

Child 1: I can fly a kite.

Child 2: I can add $3 + 2 = 5$.

Child 3: I can feed my bird.

Child 4: I can play in a band.

All: Just look at me now!
DRAMA ACTIVITY:

Look at Me Now

Draw Pictures of Things You Did

Read the play Look at Me Now. It tells about how children grow. Actors tell what they could do at different ages.

What could you do when you were:

• one-year old?
• two-years old?
• three-years old?
• four-years old?
• five-years old?

What can you do now? Draw pictures that show what you could do at each age. Label your pictures.
DRAMA ACTIVITY:

Look at Me Now

Performance Activity:
Act Out the Play

The play Look at Me Now has four characters.

Read aloud each line. Then act out what the character says. Here are some ideas:

- Child 1 says “I could smile.”
  Smile when you say that line.

- Child 2 says, “I could walk.”
  Take three steps.

- Child 3 says, “I could put on socks.”
  Act out putting on socks.

- Child 4 says, “I could brush my teeth.”
  Act out brushing your teeth.

In a group, read aloud the play.
Do simple moves to act out each line.