

I've won Chorister of the Year and now I've been offered a big recording contract. How can I make my voice last?

You sent me:

Recordings of a public concert you gave after you'd won the competition.

I said:

Can I find out how quickly you are growing? I need your measurements over two successive months. And I'd like you to come to the studio at the university and record.

You said:

No problem! We'll do one of the pieces from the concert.

Your singing teacher said:

It's against my advice for him to sign the recording deal. His voice is changing fast and it would be wrong to do anything to stop this.

What happened

You signed the recording deal and the CD was released with much publicity. They then wanted you to tour the States but were not willing to make adequate provision for your education.

My verdict: The measurements of your height and weight over successive months indicated that you had reached "Peak Height Velocity". That's when you grow very fast just before your voice dips down to baritone. The singing teacher gave good advice, which was ignored and you got away with it, just!