



One of the earliest known, still preserved musical recordings (1878) is a recording of "Mary." You can listen to this recording online by Googling: "Edison Mary recording 1878"

Thomas Edison, inventor of the Phonograph, Lightbulb, and Motion Picture Camera, (some of many inventions!) recounted the experience:

"I designed a little machine using a cylinder provided with grooves around the surface. Over this was to be placed tinfoil, which easily received and recorded the movements of the diaphragm ... Kruesi (the machinist), when he had nearly finished it, asked what it was for.

I told him I was going to record talking, and then have the machine talk back. He thought it absurd. However, it was finished, the foil was put on; I then shouted 'Mary had a little lamb,' etc. I adjusted the reproducer, and the machine reproduced it perfectly.

I was never so taken aback in my life. Everybody was astonished. ***I was always afraid of things that worked the first time. "***