

WHAT SHE SANG/ WHAT THEY SAID

WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2004

(First Round of the Final 12)

What she sang: "Signed, Sealed, Delivered," written by Stevie Wonder.

What the judges said:

Paula Abdul - "I'm actually speechless"

WEEK OF MARCH 22

What she sang: "Always on My Mind," a cover song performed by Willie Nelson and Elvis

What the judges said:

Randy Jackson - "You can probably sing anything. You're unbelievable."

WEEK OF MARCH 29

What she sang: "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," made popular by Marvin Gaye.

What the judges said:

Paula Abdul - "I love the way you worked this stage. You touched every one of us, and that was great."

Nick Ashford (of musical duo Ashford & Simpson, a special guest judge) - "I think you have a second name, Fantasia should be 'Fantastic.'"

WEEK OF APRIL 5

What she sang: "Something About The Way You Look Tonight" - this week's episode featured songs by Elton John.

What the judges said:

Randy Jackson - "You did this song proud."

WEEK OF APRIL 12

What she sang: "Summertime," composed by George Gershwin and featured in the musical "Porgy and Bess."

What the judges said:

Simon Cowell - "There was something magical in that performance. I don't think you've ever put those lips to better use."

Quentin Tarantino (guest judge) - "That was the bomb. But you haven't been funky in recent weeks. The lady tour is over. I want to see you rock the house."

WEEK OF APRIL 19

What she sang: "It's a Miracle," by Barry Manilow.

What the judges said:

Randy Jackson - "I feel the spirit in here tonight. I feel like I was at a church revival ..."

Barry Manilow (guest judge) - "You've just given it your own spin. Fantastic."

Simon Cowell - "Thank God you are still in this competition ... You bring excitement and you bring danger."

WEEK OF APRIL 26

What she sang: "Get On Your Feet," by Gloria Estefan.

What the judges said:

Paula Abdul - "You gave it your all, and you look great."

Gloria Estefan (guest judge) - "You haven't sung a bad note in the whole competition."

WEEK OF MAY 3

What she sang: "Crazy Little Thing Called Love," a cover song performed by Queen and Elvis, and "What Are You Doing the Rest of Your Life" performed by Barbra Streisand.

What the judges said:

Paula Abdul - "You brought me to tears."

Simon Cowell - "It's so clear to me, you and La Toya are in a different league."

WEEK OF MAY 10

What she sang: "Knock on Wood," a cover song by Amii Stewart, and "Holding Out for a Hero," a cover song by Bonnie Tyler.

What the judges said:

Donna Summer - "You are self-possessed, you know who you are, you are not intimidated ... what's there to say? You could sing the newspapers to me and I'd love it."

The result: Fantasia was among the bottom two vote-getters but moves on with two others to next week.

WEEK OF MAY 18

What she sang: "Chain of Fools," originally performed by Aretha Franklin, Ike and Tina Turner's "Fool in Love" and Whitney Houston's "Greatest Love of All."

What the judges said:

Paula Abdul - "I don't even think that you need this competition anymore,"

WEEK OF MAY 25

What she sang: "All My Life" by K-Ci & JoJo, "Summertime" from the musical "Porgy and Bess," "I Believe" co-written by Tamyra Gray

What the judges said:

Paula Abdul: "This is where you stand out as an outstanding brilliant artist."

Jackson: "That was unbelievable."

Cowell: "I think you are without question the best contestant we've had in any competition."

After "I Believe"

Jackson: "Brilliant, brilliant."

Abdul: "This stage is yours, it's your night."

Cowell: "Fantasia, that was your acceptance speech."