

*Kids' Corner*

## Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head ...



... And just like the guy whose feet are too big for his bed.”

You may never have heard this song made famous in the 1969 movie *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* and even your parents may not remember it but you can probably ask your grandparents to sing it for you.

Did you know that the water in those raindrops that are falling on your head today is the *same* water that was falling to earth millions of years ago?

The earth has a limited amount of water. That water keeps going around and around and around in what is known as the “Water Cycle.”

The water from oceans, lakes and rivers heats up from

vapor that goes into the air. When that vapor hits the cold air above it changes back into liquid and forms clouds. This is known as **condensation**.

When the clouds get too heavy to hold the liquid, it falls back to earth as **precipitation** in the form of rain or snow. This then **collects** in the oceans and lakes and the water cycle starts all over again.

So, as you can see, the water you drink today is the same water that the dinosaurs drank millions of years ago.

Now lets see what you have learned. Go to [www.discoverwater.org/water-cycle/](http://www.discoverwater.org/water-cycle/) to play an interactive game that tests your knowledge of the water cycle.