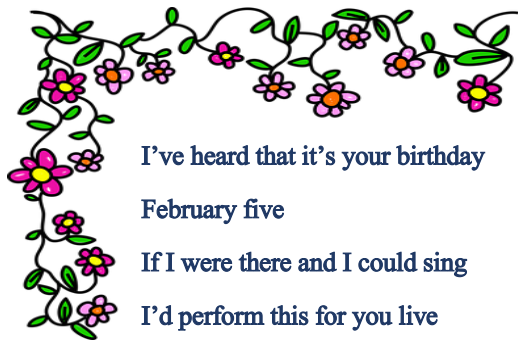
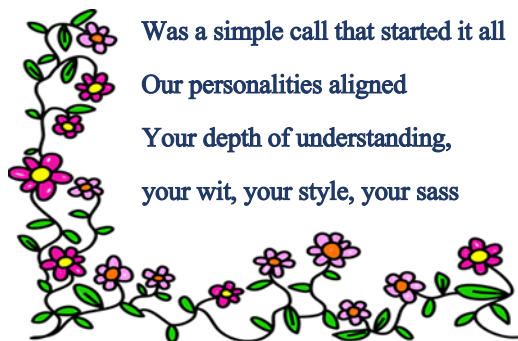


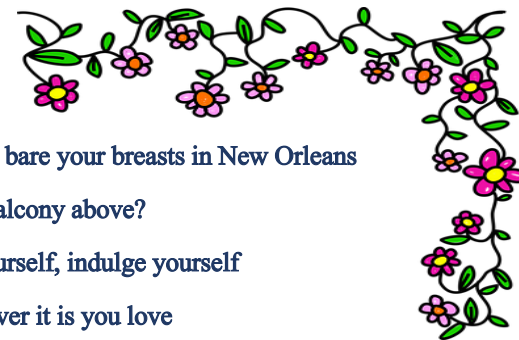
For You: May You . . .



I've heard that it's your birthday
February five
If I were there and I could sing
I'd perform this for you live
Three-quarters of a century
Can you hear my cheers?
It's like once again turning 18
with the knowledge of 57 years
Seventy-five is diamond
and you surely are a gem,
an inspiration, a hope, an encourager
To me you've been a friend,
a kindred soul from home, N – Y
a fellow water sign as well
If we still lived in the same state now
surely, we'd be raising hell!
Although we haven't met yet,
it seems I've known you a long time
Was a simple call that started it all
Our personalities aligned
Your depth of understanding,
your wit, your style, your sass



You speak your mind, you've got pizzazz,
you're unique as Murano glass
And if age is just a number,
you're number one by far
Second to none, I hope you know
just how special you are
For you I've writ this message
at this, your birthday time
Savor the read, and feel the warmth
I've woven in each line
May you be surrounded by beloved ones
May music fill your ears
May your body remain healthy and strong
in the coming years
I wish you well on your quest for commas
and your dream house on the lake
May you know the thrill of desire fulfilled
no matter what it takes
In your traveling adventures,
may Spain please you to the full
May you get to kiss a conquistador,
maybe ride a bull



Will you bare your breasts in New Orleans
from a balcony above?
Treat yourself, indulge yourself
in whatever it is you love
With age, you've gotten better
like a glass of Bordeaux wine
You've come so far, you know who you are
You deserve to shine!
When you glance over your shoulder
and see where you once stood,
may you feel pride deep inside
and may you hold the good
May joyful times be multiplied
May flowers strew your street
May your heart have peace, your mind be calm
May you feel complete
Happy Birthday, Marion Grace!
Yes, you have arrived!
May you be wearing your red cap
while you're doing 75!



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