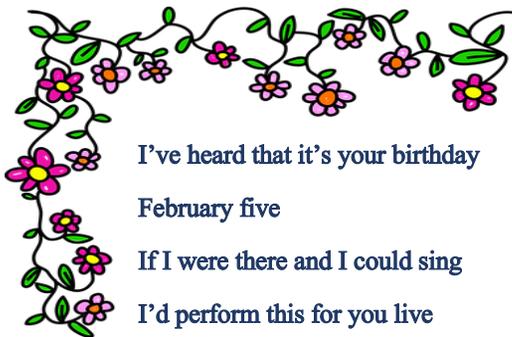
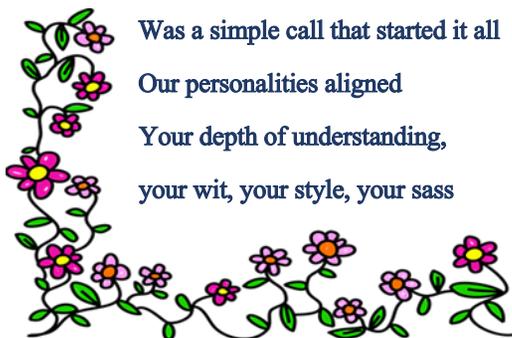


## *For You: May You . . .*



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!



*an original by M*