

A BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN

Marilyn's 37-year-old son Randy and 16-year-old granddaughter Sara died in a car accident in 2006

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What are you going to do, Sweetheart.

On this, your special day?

Do you get a birthday party there?

Do all the children play?

I try to imagine you at 22,

But it's hard for me to see,

I only see you Sweet 16,

It's what you'll always be.

Will you walk the golden streets,

Picking flowers as you go?

If you see a hole in the floor of Heaven,

Will you whisper a soft "Hello?"

I'll listen very carefully,

That I promise you,

And I'll sing you "Happy Birthday,"

Just like I used to do.

AUTHOR NOTE:

I wrote this poem for my granddaughter Sara on her 22nd birthday. Every year, when she was alive, I would call on her birthday and sing Happy Birthday to her. If she wasn't home, I left it on the answering machine.