A SONG WRITTEN FOR FRANCINE

Number One Fan

Birthday

At school events, you stood so proud
You cheered until you laughed out loud
Through every job, you stayed nearby
Your patient heart helped me to try
At birthdays, you made us all feel
That every joy was bright and real

> *Francine, you said you're our number one fan*
> *We're lucky that you always understand*
> *You're the one who sees us through*
> *Our number one is you*

When Dad was gone, the rooms went still
Your strength would lead us up the hill
When siblings fought, you stayed so kind
You taught us how to change our minds
Through every change, through loss and pain
Your loving arms were there again
At weddings, you lit up the room
When our children were born, love bloomed

> *Francine, you said you're our number one fan*
> *We're lucky that you always understand*
> *You're the one who sees us through*
> *Our number one is you*

Today, I celebrate your light
May your birthday keep on shining bright
I'll carry all the love you gave
I know your heart is strong and brave

> *Francine, you said you're our number one fan*
> *We're lucky that you always understand*
> *You're the one who sees us through*
> *Our number one is you*

Still in my heart, your love shines through
I'm always your biggest fan too

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