A SONG WRITTEN FOR ALANI

Nineteen and Free

Birthday



The road to bringing you here was long
Your first small breath became my song
When you were born, it all felt right
I was a Mum, my heart took flight
On the bed, we laugh and cry
With Friends on, time just passes by

> *Alani, happy nineteenth birthday*
> *May freedom lead you on your way*
> *Choose hearts that fill your days with light*
> *Go make your bank account smile tonight*

When hard days come, you make the tea
And sit right there, so close to me
Your caring heart knows what to say
You help the darkest hours give way
You'd tell the world, “I do it!” loud
Fiercely independent, brave and proud
At Scotch, sort those boys out with flair
Then make your bank account smile there

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Your year of freedom starts today
Keep those who bring you joy close by
Go see the places you don't know
Work for the dreams that help you grow

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On the bed, our laughter still takes flight
With Friends on, everything feels right

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