A SONG WRITTEN FOR ANN

Happy Memories Ahead

Birthday



I phoned and asked if we could meet
To walk our dogs, just you and me
We met, and I recall it still
Our first date gave my heart a thrill
We picked blackberries, side by side
That happy memory lives inside

> *Ann, it's your birthday today*
> *Those happy memories light my way*
> *Though you're not amorous, I still fancy you*
> *Happy memories carry me through*

You've always been so firm and strong
Your strong will carries us along
You love the people in your life
That loving heart comes shining through
My long-standing illness brought me pain
And chronic pain returned again
You put up with each aching day
Resolution's on its way

> *Ann, it's your birthday today*
> *Those happy memories light my way*
> *Though you're not amorous, I still fancy you*
> *Happy memories carry me through*

You are my wife, firm and strong
Your own mind guides you along
You love the people in your life
That love has stayed through all my strife
You put up with chronic pain
As resolution comes our way
I still fancy you today
Those memories light my way

May this birthday bring softer days
As we head toward resolution's way
I'll keep those happy memories near
They make the road ahead feel clear

> *Ann, it's your birthday today*
> *Those happy memories light my way*
> *Though you're not amorous, I still fancy you*
> *Happy memories carry me through*

Those blackberries from our first date
Still light the path we celebrate

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