A SONG WRITTEN FOR JOAN

Guiding Light of Love

Birthday



From our first meeting, you welcomed me in
Your warmth and kindness let me begin
A choice to make, a path ahead
You stood beside me, with strength and love
Your faith in me so warm and true
Your love saw me all the way through

> *Joan, happy eightieth birthday today*
> *Your faith in me still lights my way*
> *When fear came close, you stayed near*
> *Never alone, you were here*

When Connor was born, you were there
Your loving presence warmed the air
At two colleges, I walked the stage
You watched me turn another page
At all three weddings, you stood near
Your warmth and joy brought so much cheer
More than a mother-in-law, it's true
The mom I need, the one I'd choose again

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May every kindness you have shown
Return as joy that's all your own
I'll hold your faith in all I do
And pass that kindness onward too

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The doors you opened still shine through
My grateful heart comes back to you

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