A SONG WRITTEN FOR MATT

True North Forever

Birthday



At family reunion in the park
You played croquet, blond hair a spark
A few years on, at my house, you came
You held my cat, and nothing felt the same
At high school, all eyes watched the new guy
But you chose me beneath that open sky

> *Matt, you're my True North, my best friend*
> *My peace when every long day finds its end*
> *I'd walk through fire to find you in every life*
> *Every lifetime, you are mine*

The day you left for someone young and new
My world went still beneath a heavy blue
For four long months, we lived so far apart
Then you came home and soothed my aching heart
You said, "I love you," warmth returned to stay
And all the hurt began to fade away
Thirty-five years, we've fought through every storm
Through love and laughter, we keep each other warm

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> *My peace when every long day finds its end*
> *I'd walk through fire to find you in every life*
> *Every lifetime, you are mine*

Tonight, we celebrate your birthday here
Wrapped in your arms in bed, I hold you near
You say, "I EAR LOV you," soft and clear
It means forever, crystal clear

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At day's end, your kisses bring me home
My first and last thought, I'm not alone

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