

# The Birthday Present

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You got another one coming up  
Baby don't be blue  
I know you're one year older now  
Honey I've been there too

Time flies when we're fooling around  
We're just wasting away  
You're dreading the date  
You'd much rather wait  
But happy birthday

Once we were young and foolish  
Just starting out on that ride  
I don't want to get ghoulish  
But it seems like time's no longer on our side

It never used to get here  
It always seemed so far away  
But now it's here  
Same time each year  
That happy birthday

They say that we live many lives  
I can believe it but I'm still not so sure  
I don't know if it's gonna be a next time  
But this time I'd like a little more  
Time that is

I'm going to give you a present  
That's just what I'm gonna do  
To remind you to forget the past and the future  
All that regret and worry's just bad for you  
And when you unwrap your present  
Throw the paper and the ribbon away  
Remember dear  
It's now we're here  
So happy birthday

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Baby don't don't be blue