

Birthday Song

Name of Song or Rhyme

“We wish you a happy birthday”

Round

First line of song or rhyme (text only)

Song type

Use a checkmark (✓) or “X” in appropriate boxes

Melodic	Melodic/Cultural Analysis			Rhythmic/Uses Analysis			Rhythmic
M1. CSP	G	Source's Starting Pitch: G3		$\frac{2}{4}$			R1. Meter
M2. Scale	Incomplete major, plagal			$\text{♩} = 80$			R2. Metronome
M3. Toneset	s, t, (d) r m f s			$\frac{1}{2} \text{ } \text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩}$			R3. Note values
M4. Range	V	-	5	☒ Outer: ♩		☒ Inner: ♩	R4. Upbeat
M5. Mel. Form	A B C D			☐ Iso	☒ Hetero	A A _v B C	R5. Rhy. Form
M6. Cadences	1 2 5 1			4 4½ 3½ 4			R6. Beats/phrase
M7. Intervals	s, t d (P4) r t s (P4)			☒ Iso	☒ Bi	☐ Tri	R7. Podia
M8. Target Phrases	A: s,-d-r-m-r-d-t,-d			A: $\text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩}$			R8. Target Phrases
	B: r-m-f-s-f-m-r-m-f-r			A _v : $\text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩}$			
	C: s			B: $\text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩}$			
	D: f-m-r-d-s,-t,-d			C: $\text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩}$			
M9. M. Diffic.							R9. R. Diffic.
M10. Other							R10. Other
Cultural							Classroom Use
C1. Context	Round			Actual Verses on Page 2			U1. # of verses
C2. Ethnicity	American						U2. Improv.
C3. Geographic	California						U3. Listening
C4. Source: Where did this version come from?	Recorded by Leslie Dripps and Martha Hepler, 7/18/25. Learned from Tim Drummond at Kodaly Level I, July 2025.			Additional Room on Page 2			U4. Game Directions/ Movement
C5. Source info	☐ Primary	☒ Secondary	☐ Tertiary	low ti			U5. Ped. Uses
C6. Research Notes	Additional Room on Page 2 Leslie and Martha are sisters, who learned the song from Kathy Lythe of Redwood Coast Children's Chorus in 1995. Lythe studied Kodaly method in Hungary.			Anacrusis			U6. Roles
C7. Holiday	Birthdays			Birthdays, Celebration			U7. Themes

We wish you a hap - py birth - day,

A joy - ful and ce - le - bra - ted birth - day.

Our friend (name here),

We wish you a long, long life.

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Stick Notation:

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s, d d r m r d t, d d

r m m f s f m r m f r

s s s s

f m r d s, t, d

C6. Additional Research Notes	
U1. Additional Verses	U4. Game/Dance/Movement Instructions