

## **Geraldine Quinn**

# **"The Birthday Song"**

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What a special day  
You are turning ten today  
We've got balloons and party pies  
And lots of pretty things  
Look at all your friends  
And the presents that they send  
Your whole family is here  
So everybody sing

Here comes the birthday cake  
But before you make a wish  
There's something your Aunty Gerry wants to say:

From this moment, everything's downhill  
Double figures become a living hell  
Before too long you will wake up to find you're dead  
So if I were you, I'd quit while I'm ahead  
I'd quit while I'm ahead

'Cos your body at fourteen  
Is so much worse than Halloween  
It changes shape and starts to leak  
And makes you do mad things  
Your twenties, they're okay  
But from your thirties, you'll decay  
Your joints and back and brains will go  
Along with all your dreams  
And as you reflect back on today  
That kitten-shaped ice-cream cake  
Will represent the hopeless and betray

'Cos from this moment, everything is fucked  
The grown-up world and all the people in it suck  
Your gran and grandpa left the Earth on the blink  
And so to save you wasting money on a shrink  
Choose an addiction now and retire to your bed  
'Cos if I were you  
Oh, if I were you, I'd quit while I'm ahead  
I'd quit while I'm ahead

Happy birthday  
Happy birthday

Happy birthday... to you

(Make a wish)

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