**Birthday Blessings**

Instead of counting candles,  
Or tallying the years,  
Contemplate your blessings now,  
As your birthday nears.

Consider special people  
Who love you, and who care,  
And others who’ve enriched your life  
Just by being there.

Think about the memories  
Passing years can never mar,  
Experiences great and small  
That have made you who you are.

Another year is a happy gift,  
So cut your cake, and say,  
"Instead of counting birthdays,  
I count blessings every day!"