

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRAN

The sixth of November, twenty fifteen.
As special a day as ever I've seen.

Frannie turns 80, and everyone cheers.
Champagne for you, I'll have one or two beers.

We'll toast my beloved, and we'll have a ball.
If there's music and dancing, I'll try not to fall.

From July '81, we've shared life together.
In sunshine and rain, in all kinds of weather.

A remarkable feat, just four short months later.
David appeared, and you were his mater.

Having a baby at age 46.
Considered by some, one of life's greatest tricks.

You did it with style, an outstanding mother.
And as David grew, we helped one another.

He brought us much pleasure, and also much joy.
These days as a man; then as a boy.

As David grew, we also grew older.
I wrote lots of poems, which I put in a folder.

In 2007, lung cancer struck.
But thanks to BI, you were in luck.

Their doctors were good, and they made you better.
You followed instructions right to the letter.

True, lung cancer treatment did leave its mark.
Chemo etc, is no walk in the park.

Yet eight years later, you are still here.
Another good reason to stand up and cheer.

And now you are 80, a wonderful age.
And now we move on to a different stage.

A big Minyan Kiddush, a festive affair.
All kinds of Jewish friends will be there.

I'll chant the Haftorah, David delivers the D'rash.
And we'll all enjoy a wonderful nosh.

We're taking life a day at a time.
Enjoying each day, with no stairs to climb.

Next year will be fun when you turn 81.
And for the White House, Hillary will run.

Bernie's getting the crowds. I do like the guy.
But if he is not picked, I really won't cry.

And who in the world will the GOP pick?
Rubio, Trump, Ben Carson, Kasich?

Poor Jeb is in trouble, but he won't drop out.
Trying to figure what it's all about.

The eyes of the faithful are getting misty.
Saying goodbye to Rand Paul and Christie.

Back to your birthday, and lots of good wishes
For our David's mother, and for my Missus.

Wishes for happiness, for joy and for fun.
And peace and prosperity for everyone.

To the love of my life who I really adore:
Happy Birthday dear Fran, and many more.

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