

## *To Sister DIXIE on her 80th Birthday*

It must have been in the Masters Plan,  
For wrinkles to furrow the brow of man.  
And although your years sum up to many  
"We should worry, or care a penny".  
What really matters and really counts,  
Is...Does your life sum up to amounts  
That will land you where you want to go,  
Instead of a fate of regret and woe?

Did you fill your years with things  
worthwhile?  
Did you travel cheery every mile?  
Did you give to some of your means and  
time?  
Did your daily life make a happy rhyme?  
Did you help some others along the way  
By kindly deeds done from day to day?  
For the sum and total of what you do  
Is what makes character—Me and You.

Dear Sister, with love and friendship true,  
We are passing judgment today on you.  
To questions of right you can answer, "Yea"  
While to those of wrong you can answer  
"Nay".  
Your life has been one of service and love  
And great rewards are in store above.  
For when your mortal life is past  
Your earthly joys will be outclassed  
Far above what you experienced here.  
And to all who know you 'tis very clear,  
That your life has been a grand success,  
You live among us our lives to bless.  
Your children revere and bless your name  
And your friends all love you and feel the  
same..  
Today we 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' say,  
"God bless you and keep you all the way."  
Your loving friends and family

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