



*Dear, Little Nhi*

Today is your birthday, and while that means a lot of things, to me, it simply means this: the world is better because you're in it. I don't know how to describe it exactly, but being near you makes everything feel a little calmer, a little safer. You don't have to do anything — just being you is already enough. There's something in your presence that makes the noise quiet down inside me. You make the world feel gentler.

I don't know all the roads you've walked to become who you are now, but I'm deeply grateful you're here. That you exist. That I get to know you. Even on the hard days, I hope you remember this: your existence brings peace to someone's heart — mine. And that's not a small thing at all.

*On the day you  
turn 20*

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