

My dearest Zero,

Happiest birthday to you, my sweetest, loveliest, and most beautiful December miracle! Thank you for surviving until this far, it hasn't been easy, and I am so proud of you. Your existence is deeply appreciated by me. You came into my life like how a constellation is born on my favorite star stream. I akin that moment, which has been engraved in my mind, to a serendipitous encounter of a young one's summer love. Ironically, I used to hate summer—but ever since meeting you, I found myself having a change of heart; I wouldn't mind spending and looking forward to the next and continuing summer, for as long as I am with you.

I also love how you naturally come into my life bringing the bliss of a security and peace that used to be so foreign to me. I recognized it when you held my hand for the first time as we jumped out and ran heading towards the vast starry sky, one that could possibly hold the entirety of the feelings I have and harbor for you, and would still have more than enough room for more. If it's okay with you, may I ask for all of your birthdays for me to celebrate and welcome together with you? In exchange, I will give you all of mine.

You are truly so beautiful, kind, and amazing, and I love spending every single day with you. I hope you know, too, that everything you do for me, for us—I can see them, and I truly appreciate them. On this special day of yours, I'd like to thank you for existing in the same timeline as I am, and I'm so glad that you exist. I hope you'd always remember that you don't have to be perfect to be loved. You can simply continue to exist in this realm together with me as who you are, and I know, from the bottom of my heart, that I will still love you just the same anyway, if not more. Borrowing the words of Kuronuma Sawako, "on a good day, please allow me to enjoy it with you. And on a bad day, if I'm not in your way, please allow me to stay by your side." I hope we continue to get along well from now on. I am in your care, and I will surely try my best everyday to take care of you to the best that I can, too.

Happiest birthday again to you, my lovely one! I love you, Zero.

Always and eternally; from me to you, Yuu.