March 01, 2021

Drake Bell

123 Hollywood Place

Jackson, V6R 2H8

Dear Drake:

Happy Birthday! Best wishes for you and your loved ones as you turn 41!

Recently, we came across a poem by Rudyard Kipling we thought you might enjoy. It’s titled “If –” and is written as advice from the poet to his son. When we read it, we realized that you already exemplify many of the qualities Kipling talks about. Here is a truncated version of the poem:

***If –***

*by Rudyard Kipling*

If you can keep your head when all about you  
  Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
  But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
  Or being lied about, don’t deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don’t give way to hating,  
  And yet don’t look too good, nor talk too wise:  
  
If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;  
  If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
  And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you’ve spoken  
  Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
  And stoop and build ’em up with worn-out tools:  
  
If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
  Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,

  If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
  With sixty seconds’ worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that’s in it,  
  And—which is more—you’ll be a Man, my son.

As you celebrate another birthday, opening presents from family and friends, we invite you to reflect on the many gifts life has given you during your 41 years on Earth. Many of those gifts don’t come in boxes, but in the form of experiences that shape who you are … a good man.

Have a wonderful birthday!

Sincerely,

March 01, 2021

Jennifer Lawrence

124 Mami Street

Greenville, V5E 4L5

Dear Jennifer:

Happy Birthday! As you celebrate another birthday, we thought you might like to see an itemized list of all the gifts you’ve received over the years.

**A Summary of Jennifer’s Birthday Gifts**

*87 years’ worth of memories*

*87 years’ worth of friends*

*87 years’ worth of knowledge*

*87 years’ worth of stories*

*87 years’ worth of jokes*

*87 years’ worth of hugs and kisses*

*87 years’ worth of skills and abilities*

**87 years’ worth of *life!***

May we all be so lucky as to accomplish what you’ve already achieved! Jennifer, you’ve done a lot, seen a lot, and been a lot. Long may you continue!

Sincerely,

March 02, 2021

David Bowie

125 Bird Poop Rd

Atlanta, V7G 1E5

Dear David:

Today it’s your birthday, your own day, and a very important day for everyone.

Why?

After all, if 6 billion people live on the planet Earth:

16,427,105 of them were born on your day.

*684,463* were born the same day and the same hour as you.

***11,408*** were born the same day, hour, and minute as you.

***190*** of them were born the same day, hour, minute, and second as you.

So, what makes this day so special?

It’s the day the world had the good luck of having **you** arrive.

Happy birthday from all of us across the globe!

Sincerely,

March 02, 2021

Fuck Dylan

126 Honestly Fuck Dylan

Vancouver, V5K 1S8

Dear Fuck:

We wanted to take advantage of this opportunity to share our wish for your happiness, health, and prosperity on your birthday.

We hope that however you decide to spend your special day, it’s with the people who bring you the most joy.

Best wishes, Fuck, for a very special birthday!

Happy Birthday!

Sincerely,

March 02, 2021

Michael Jordan

127 Lawrence Street

Delta, V4K 4V9

Dear Michael:

Happy Birthday! When we heard you were turning 60, we almost couldn’t believe it. What an exciting number!

Why is age 60 such an exciting number? Because this is the time of life when many people start settling on their “bucket list.” And determining what should go on your bucket list is really fun!

For example, you could …

**Write the next Great American novel.**

Learn to ride a horse.

Start an entirely new career as a standup comic.

Learn how to cook Italian food … in Italy.

*Work as a tour guide at the Guggenheim.*

Follow the voyage of Darwin’s *Beagle* through the Galapagos.

Listen to jazz in a smoky bar in Paris.

**Have the freedom to do what *interests* you versus what needs to be done.**

*Design and build your own house.*

Spend a year in Rio.

Restore an old sports car and drive to car shows.

*Work for human rights for people in third world countries.*

**Build a log cabin from the ground up.** **Retrace the *Endless Summer* surf odyssey.**

Drop anchor at every island in the Caribbean.

Build your collection of fine wines.

**Spend time with your family.**

Of course, you can’t do all these things at once … but you can start planning for them. You don’t even necessarily have to wait until retirement. Finding ways to enrich your life is an activity everyone should participate in, regardless of their age.

Our advice? Write out your bucket list now, and try to check off at least one item per year until retirement. Then you can move through your list even faster.

To get you started, here’s what the first item on your bucket list should be:

***🗹 Have a very happy 60th birthday!***

Sincerely,

March 02, 2021

Michael Reeves

128 Okay Road

Vancouver, V5S 3K1

Dear Michael:

Forty years old! Congratulations on reaching this significant number!

As you may know, many people throughout history have used this time of their life to accomplish amazing things. For example, at age 40:

• John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth.

• William Sturgeon created the first electromagnet.

• Hank Aaron hit his 715th home run!

We know you can accomplish amazing things, too. So Michael, as you enjoy your special day, plan for the future rather than look to the past. Your best years are before you, and your grandest ambitions lie within your grasp.

We can’t wait to see you achieve them!

Happy Birthday!

Sincerely,

March 02, 2021

Laura Elizabeth

129 Boomer Drive

Las Vegas, V5S 3K1

Dear Laura:

Happy Birthday! We hope your 40th birthday is everything you want it to be!

Some people think of 40 as being “mid-life.” But we like to look at it a different way. To us, age 40 is actually the beginning of your best, most productive years! Don’t believe us? Take the example of Harriet Beecher Stowe. Stowe was a 40-year old mother of six when she wrote the book *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*. One of the most influential books in history, *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* galvanized the anti-slavery movement, and sold more copies than any other 19th century book save the Bible.

While not all of us can inspire an entire movement, we all can do great things no matter how old we are. We know you can accomplish amazing things, too! So as you enjoy your special day, plan for the future rather than look to the past. Your best years are before you, and your grandest ambitions lie within your grasp.

We can’t wait to see you achieve them!

Happy Birthday!

Sincerely,

March 03, 2021

Rihanna Fenty

124 Hollywood Place

Oakville, L6H 5Y3

Dear Rihanna:

We tried, but we failed.

Kenny Rogers had a previous engagement.

Celine Dion was busy too!

So we decided to tape ourselves singing it. But when we played it back, we didn’t exactly sound like Celine Dion ***or*** Kenny Rogers.

That’s when we decided to just put it on paper:

***Happy Birthday to you,***

***Happy Birthday to yoo-oo-ou!***

***Happy Birthday, dear Rihanna!!***

***Happy Birthday to you!!!***

All kidding aside: We do hope that March 03, 2021 is a very special day for you!

Sincerely,

March 03, 2021

Billie Eilish

PO Box 1050

Los Angeles, V1M 2S4

Dear Billie:

Birthdays are a wonderful chance to finally, *finally* make your day exactly what you want it to be! We hope your day is full of fun activities, good food, and great friends. Most of all, we hope your day is exactly how you dreamed it would be.

May all your birthday wishes come true!

***Happy 64th Birthday!***

Sincerely,

March 03, 2021

Scarlet Johansson

122 Avengers Grove

Maryland, V1M 2S4

Dear Scarlet:

Birthdays are a wonderful chance to finally, *finally* make your day exactly what you want it to be! We hope your day is full of fun activities, good food, and great friends. Most of all, we hope your day is exactly how you dreamed it would be.

May all your birthday wishes come true!

***Happy 64th Birthday!***

Sincerely,