

A Party to Remember What It's All For

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It hasn't been the best year
I'm not even sure if it's been better or worse than the last
It's all just so unclear
But today is a day to put aside whatever terribleness was in the past
Yesterday and this morning were full of preparations for the party guests
Who will soon arrive but not before I finish showering, getting dressed
There was so much to do I didn't have much time to prepare myself
The first guest arrives right on time and seats themselves
I emerge from my room fresh and ready so the party can truly begin
Soon enough more guests arrive and as we head outside I start to grin
It's been a long while since I've gotten the chance to just enjoy myself with family and friends
Meat and vegetables cook on the grill, drinks and snacks are had
For once any unhappiness truly suspends
I don't understand anymore why becoming older this year was something with which I used to contend
For today I've aged another year and I feel calm, happy and just generally great
Even as I dash this way and that stopping now and again just to converse
I also dig into my plate
Full of snacks and barbecue
So happy and content that not even a heavy rainstorm can make this day go askew
We all continue to talk and drink inside after bringing all the important things back in
And then as the storm rages on outside and drinks are finished the cake cutting begins
The birthday singing commences as well and some photos are taken
The cake is delicious and is enjoyed pretty much by all as things outside by the wind are shaken
Not too long after it's time for everyone to go
With the storm continuing outside no one has the time to be slow
When a friend lacks an umbrella sometimes you'll help by walking with them through the rain
When you're talking with friends walking through the rain water feels like less of a strain
You enjoy walking and talking through it because nothing can ruin this day
Eventually the three of you make it to the train station and you head back as they go on their way
You make it back home and decide to worry about the remaining mess and leftovers tomorrow
For now I'm just going to enjoy the rest of this birthday