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## A birthday song for a women religious community

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On Wednesday, the Loretto Community will celebrate its 200th birthday.

Loretto Sr. Ann Patrick Ware wrote a birthday song that strikes the right celebratory tone. You might try it yourself for your own birthday. If you are not a woman, remember that "woman" includes "man."

### **Birthday Song, words by Loretto Sr. Ann Pat Ware**

Music is Easter song, Ye Sons and Daughters of the Lord

Come celebrate the day and year!

God's loving kindness brought you here.

It's your birthday,

Come-to-earth day.

Take note of hour day and clime.

There's no such thing as neutral time.

It's your birth day. Alleluia.

Come-to-earth day,

Alleluia, alleluia.

That was no ordinary day.

It marked your life so come and say,

Hail my birthday.

Sing-with-mirth day.

I am a woman who reveres

History's march across my years.

Toast my life span!  
It's my strife span.  
Toast my insight,  
Wisdom's bright light.  
Alleluia.

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