

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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