

Next year, perhaps they'll remember me  
" " they'll make me the centre of attention  
" " perhaps they'll concentrate on making sure I'm happy  
" " perhaps they'll sit me down at the end of the family table

Next year, perhaps I'll be satisfied  
" " perhaps I'll enjoy MY BIRTHDAY  
" " perhaps I'll be very much part of MY BIRTHDAY  
" " perhaps I'll find my family celebrating MY BIRTHDAY--  
for my sake.

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Last night I couldn't sleep  
Last night I thought of nothing but to-day  
Last night I lay awake, longing for day break  
Last night I knew it was only a few hours to MY BIRTHDAY.

Last night I thought back to previous birthdays  
Last night I eventually slept & dreamt of today's party  
Last night I saw myself seated at the head of a long family table  
Last night I saw myself blowing out the candles on My cake, today

This morning I cried

This morning I saw my family forget me

This morning I saw them reading cards they sent to each other

This morning I watched as they gleefully unwrapped their parcels.

This morning I had breakfast alone

This morning I waited in vain for the midday post.

This morning I wasn't asked to my own birthday party

This morning I watched everyone celebrating MY BIRTHDAY --  
without me!