

Happy Birthday, Dear Noam

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Chorus 1.

Happy birthday to Noam

Wherever you're home

From Philly, to M.I.T.

Please remember the fire of all those you inspire

Happy birthday, happy birthday, happy birthday dear Noam

Chorus 2.

Happy birthday to Noam

Wherever you're home

From the Commons to the Old Pueblo

A lifelong example with integrity ample

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Verse 1.

Nine decades ago, in a “cultural ghetto,”

One gentle, warm child was sired

An heir apparent, Amos, Ginsberg, men of merit

Mind sagacious, spirit bright and untired

Cognition, his science, a rational Zionist

Halle’s co-linguist partner-in-crime

Ordained philosopher, like Russell, Pannecoek, and Rocker

Manufacturing discontent for elites all the time

Verse 2.

Sowing seeds of life, to states' victims of strife

Keeping candles in a cold, dark realm

Dearning justice and freedom, democracy over serfdom

Altruistic, unflagging, unwhelmed

Valeria, Bev, Carol, keeping Noam warm in apparel

Riches we owe three of you

A man of the ages, a king among sages

Many thanks, all our love, happy birthday to you!!!

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