**Together, Side By Side**

**Today we are no longer the**

**same age, you are one year older.**

**And like any big brother, you speak your**

**mind, confidently, even a little bit bolder.**

**I see you trying, every day, to live**

**your faith. You try awfully hard.**

**Like most of us, those efforts are noticed by**

**the Lord and He wants us to be on our guard.**

**Not one day does He want us to take that**

**faith for granted, He wants us to appreciate it.**

**And with each birthday we are**

**to be a little wiser, just a little bit.**

**Because with that wisdom**

**comes peace of mind.**

**The kind the enemy can never**

**be the one to help us find.**

**The wisdom that will helps us distinguish**

**the difference between darkness and light.**

**No confusion as to where darkness comes**

**from, Jesus' guidance shines ever so bright.**

**So dear brother, celebrate your 71st birth-**

**day with joy, for He lives, way deep inside.**

**And together, you and He can conquer**

**anything that comes your way, side by side.**

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