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Dear Gurumayi,

I was delighted to hear about the Birthday Bliss initiative.

At the time I was preparing an offering of a story in verse, plus a new song. This was part of my annual Birthday Gift tradition, starting in 1997.

This will be the 20th Anniversary of that tradition!

The primary teaching I received when I first met you in 1991 was to bring love, engagement and connection into everything I do, especially my seva.

It felt right to communicate directly with a special invitation.

Birthday Gift 1997

You will recall we produced a CD with all the songs from the Australian Tour in 1997. It featured a unique recording of the community's "One Voice" from Ashrams, Centres and CMG's around Australia singing the chorus of the song, *"At the Heart of Australia"*, inspired by your visit to Uluru.

The Gift also included the song, "I Know I Am" that the Ashram Residents sang for you on the 25 March 1997 and again, at your request, in the Meditation Hall on 1 April 1997 (my Divya Diksha/ Birthday) when you made a surprise visit to the Sydney Ashram.

You also announced the Australian Chanting Tour during this satsang.

The Birthday Gift tradition continued in 2000 when I created a synopsis of a musical in honour of Baba Muktananda. I presented this to Swami Krippananda when I visited Gurudev Siddha Peeth for my birthday. (She sent this to you in SMA, along with a poem about GSP.)

In 2001 to 2004 I sent DVD Birthday Gifts with films, stories and experiences from the Sydney Ashram. I sent another DVD in 2012, expressing a wish, longing and love for the Chanting Tour.

Birthday Gift 2015

In 2015, after the Chanting Tour, I presented an idea to the Australian Trustees for a Birthday Gift Project, *"One Voice from the Heart of Australia"*. Once again, it involved the participation and engagement of the Siddha Yoga Community from Ashrams, Centres, CMG's, families and individuals from around Australia and New Zealand.



Birthday Gift 2016

Last year I sent a hard-copy presentation, *"Baba's last wish!"* with the songs/ music offered during the period 1997 to 2016. This also included a "Gratitude Book" created by the ashrams, centres and CMG's, when your 2015 Birthday Gift travelled around Australia to them on its *"Pradakshina Journey"*.

This journey auspiciously started and ended at Uluru, the heart of Australia.

Birthday Gift 2017 (20th Anniversary)

I would now like to offer my 2017 gift, *"Stand near a fire..."*, a musical offering of stories in verse, plus a new song. *It's about the power of being in the presence of a living Master - a divine "fire"*.

I have enclosed a copy of the private web page (see URL below) with the movie of the Gift. I have also enclosed a USB Harddrive with a digital copy.

Digital Copy (private):

<<http://www.thoughtube.com/public/Fire.htm>>

Special Invitation

I have a heartfelt longing, wish and love you visit Australia for a special performance of this new song similar to our offering back on 1 April 1997 at the Siddha Yoga Ashram in Sydney. *Possibly, when we celebrate the completion of the renovations to the Meditation Hall.*

Happy Birthday Gurumayi.

With much love,



Anatole

