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## A Popular Song

What is one of the most sung English songs? I’m sure 11  
 that you’ve heard it! It’s “Happy Birthday to You.” It’s 21  
 such a common song that you probably never thought 30  
 about someone writing it. 34

Children and presidents have sung it. Astronauts 41  
 in space have sung it. You can hear the songs in cards, 53  
 music boxes, and watches. 57

Patty Smith Hill was born in 1868 in Kentucky. She 67  
 taught kindergarten in Louisville. In 1893, she wrote “Good 76  
 Morning to All” as a welcome song to start the school day. 88  
 Her sister, Mildred Hill, wrote music for the words that 98  
 Patty wrote. Over time, children began singing the song 107  
 to their teacher, and it became “Good Morning to You.” 117  
 The same song was sung with new words. The new words 128  
 were “Happy Birthday to You.” Two teachers wrote a simple 138  
 song. It’s a simple song that lives on. 146

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The next time you hear “Happy Birthday” sung in a 156  
movie, stay and watch the very end. The end always lists 167  
the names of people and songs that were part of the movie. 179  
If you watch carefully, it will show that the song was 190  
written by Patty Smith Hill and Mildred Hill. 198

Number of Errors 

1	2	3	4	5	6

Accuracy (%): 

Reading Rate (Words Per Minute):

