

## A Message from Heaven

As you turn 21 my son I want you to know that your dad is proud.  
You are not the teenage boy I left behind but a fine, fit and able man now.

My memories of you will never fade and are preserved in my mind forever.  
Times spent at football in the rain, looking at cars and simply being together.

I have watched you sit exams and enthusiastically study towards your dream.  
I also know that it's a secret so you and I that will stay between.

I am with you as you stack the shelves and look at stock at night in the shop.  
I am cheering on the side-lines when your team are playing and your opponent you stop.

I see you with your beautiful girlfriend and am glad that you've found love.  
I wish I was there to watch as it blooms and grows but I will guide you from above.

It's a big milestone birthday for you Jack and I hope you have a wonderful day.  
I'll be partying with you in spirit and wishing I was there to share the buffet.

I'll be lighting candles on a heavenly cake and sending you wishes as you blow them out.

I wish you happiness and good fortune and a bright future for your life throughout.

Take care of all your family and be fearless as you carve out a path of your own.  
In the words of our favourite team in red, my darling boy - you will never walk alone...

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