

Zaza's Song

To: Zaza

From: Daddy

Zaria I pray that all your dreams will come true. I will always love you. Daddy.

Northside Hospital, lights low like a sunrise. I held you close, and the whole world got quiet. So small in my arms, but you filled up the room. A bundle of joy, my forever-new truth. I didn't know my heart could open that wide. Then you looked up—yeah, that's when my life changed overnight. And every year you've grown. You've been finding your own glow. But I still see that moment. Like it's playing in slow mo. Happy Birthday, **Zaza** (ZahZah), listen to me. I'm so proud of who you are and who you're gonna be. From your first little breath to your biggest dreams. I'm right here, right here, always on your team. So make a wish, let the candles light your eyes. No matter where you go, my love will never cease to thrive —**Zaza**. Waffle House morning, neon hum, blue booth. You're swinging your feet, telling me what you're gonna do. I cut your waffle up, you smiled like it was magic. Little moments like that—yeah, they hit me and I can't ignore it. Now you're stronger, smarter, saying what you mean. And I'm watching you shine like you were born for the big screen. You're writing your own song. And I'm singing right along. Even when you don't hear it. My heart is singing your song. Happy Birthday, **Zaza** (ZahZah), listen to me. I'm so proud of who you are and who you're gonna be. From your first little breath to your biggest dreams. I'm right here, right here, always on your team. So make a wish, let the candles light your eyes. No matter where you go, my love will never cease to thrive. —**Zaza**. If the world gets heavy, if the days get loud. Come back to my voice, I'll say it out loud. You don't have to earn it, you don't have to try. It's yours for forever, it's in every "I". I—love—you, more than words can hold. And I'll be your home when the night feels cold. Happy Birthday, **Zaza** (ZahZah), listen to me. I'm so proud of who you are and who you're gonna be. From Northside to now, you're my masterpiece. And I'll never miss a beat when you need me. So make a wish, let the candles light your life. No matter where you go, my love is your light. —**Zaza**. My love will never fade away.

Swoonsong

—**Zaza**.