

Tombola

It's a pick-a-day raffle.
Some you win, some you lose.

See the sun, feel the blues,
Catch the wind, hear the news.

You can only be you.

It's not the years in your life, but the life in your years.
And you know sometimes there will be tears ...

But you keep in keeping on, standing tall, being strong,
Holding your head high.

Someone sings a song and the people sing along
But a song's not a song until you feel you belong

And it's from the heart.

Tombola was inspired by seeing a group of boys raising money for charity.

They had 30 envelopes on a board, each representing a day of the month. You had to pay your money and 'pick your day'. All the chosen envelopes went into a tombola, with three later being chosen for a prize.

My uncle once sent me a birthday card and inside, he had written 'Happy Birthday – and remember, it's not the years in your life, but the life in your years!'. Six years later, the line is finally in a song.