

Excerpt from 7 Classic Camp Songs Adapted for American Sign Language (ASL)

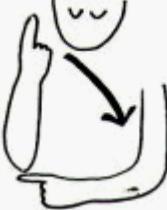
Happy Birthday

Words

Happy birthday to you.
 Happy birthday to you.
 Happy birthday, my love.
 Happy birthday to you.

Signs

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Cheat Sheet for **Happy Birthday**

Sign	Description of Action
birth	Hold left hand, palm up, in front of stomach. Touch stomach with right hand, then move the right hand outward, placing the back of the right hand in palm of left hand, indicating that a baby has come from the womb into hands that will carry it.
day	Point the left arm and index finger to the right, palm down. Rest the elbow of the right arm on the left index finger of the left hand. Move a right "d" hand and arm in an arc across the body from right to left, as if the sun is moving across the sky and then setting just above the horizon.
happy	Touch chest with closed fingers of both hands in a forward circular motion, as if "stirring" emotions of joy.
my	Place the right palm (fingers pressed together) against the chest, as if holding something you own close to you.
love	Place the right palm (fingers pressed together) against the chest, as if holding something you own close to you.
you	Point in the direction of where someone is located. If no one is there, point to an "imaginary" person.

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