

Today you are One

Mountains
of presents,
Plastic and wood,
Dolls and teddies, one or two books.
Soon after Christmas, the presents still new,
A birthday arrives. Excitement anew!

But a quandary for parents,
Family and friends.
More puzzles and playthings?
The choice never ends.

What age suit the presents,
This one or the next?
A toy for the moment
Or the year ahead?

A knitter can solve
These dilemmas of old.
A fresh ball of yarn
Can make something
quite bold.

Something to cuddle,
Something to squeeze,
A jumper, some socks
Or a hat to warm ears.

For a gift to be different
It needs to be fun,
In the hands of the knitter,
And the child just turned one.

Learning one's letters
One's name and one's age
Is something essential
Not just 'all the rage' so...
Cloths in cool colours initialled just so,
While pink leads the way. And it just goes to show
That a teddy or dolly, no doubt so much fun,
Can be washed, wiped or cleaned by a cloth numbered ONE!

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