

# "Happy Birthday Marty"

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The bum had abandoned  
More than half of his rich  
Chocolate cake  
In the bottom of the shopping cart

The wording on the top of the cake read  
"Happy Birthday Marty"  
But it also read  
"From Marty"

Either he was too full  
To eat his own words  
Or suddenly he got sick  
Enough of life  
To finish

