



## The Blessings of Candy

I have a friend for whom it is difficult to buy gifts. I agonize whenever it comes time for his birthday. To make matters worse, his birthday is on Christmas and I feel the need to make his gift more special. One year, I found what I thought was the perfect gift.

There is a website called Groovycandies.com that specializes in retro candies that were popular in the '60s and '70s, such as Fun Dip, Necco Wafers, Candy Buttons and Pixy Stix. Thinking that those assorted candies would bring back wonderful childhood memories, I ordered a gift box and had it sent to him.



A few days later, he emailed and although he was grateful for my thoughtfulness, he said that he never bought or ate any of those candies. His family couldn't afford the luxury of buying candy.

After his email, I realized what a blissful childhood I had. I remember eating all of those candies. Sometimes the blessings in our life are so plentiful that we fail to remember that others haven't been so blessed. Every now and then, we learn that Necco Wafers might not be as universal as we thought.

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