Prince Cedrick’s Birthday

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Prince Cedrick’s ninth birthday began with a game. He was happy to see that all his friends came. When he closed his eyes tight, they shouted, “Let’s go!” They hid all his gifts, some high and some low.
His first gift was hidden by knights at the tower.
To find the toy soldier took nearly an hour.
The second one was buried in Dragon’s dark cave.

Dragon whispered, “Come find the 2 candles I gave.”
The Court Jester waved, saying, “Look through these halls. You’ll find your third gift of 3 colorful balls!”
The Court Scholar gave Cedrick a sly little wink.
Then said, “Find your fourth gift. It’s 4 bottles of ink!”
The pixies presented him with 5 lovely flowers.
He searched for this fifth gift for hours and hours!
The Moat Monster’s sixth gift was deep in the moat.
She gave 6 rubber duckies to splash and to float.
The cook hid the seventh gift, made with great care.
She had baked 7 cupcakes for Cedrick to share.
The blacksmith had forged many wonderful things. For Cedrick’s eighth gift he made 8 sparkling rings.
The groundskeeper called, “Your ninth gift’s in the yard!
Come find 9 bright glowbugs, though it may be hard.”
The last gift was given when searching was through.
Prince Cedrick’s friends sang, “Happy Birthday to You!”