

# Golden Link of Friendship



*Copywork for Children Ages 7-17*

## Foreword

*FRIENDSHIP* is one of the most important things in the world. As a factor in educating the mind, forming the character, guiding the will, and shaping the destiny, the influence of Friendship can scarcely be overrated. Friendship has made a man a hero, a saint, a demon!

It is to be hoped, therefore, that these Golden Thoughts on Friendship—gathered from a wide field—will prove helpful and inspiring and tend to create pure and noble ideals in the minds of readers.

The touching story of David and Jonathan continues to possess a surpassing charm for humanity; and the voyager over Life's ocean who discovers a true friend discovers an island offering a safe, quiet haven from every storm that blows, and which presents innumerable luscious fruits and sweet-scented flowers for his refreshment and enjoyment.

A. E. S.

Nature loves nothing solitary, and always reaches out to something as a support, which ever in the sweetest friend is most delightful.

- Cicero

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*Great souls by instinct to each other turn,  
Demand alliance, and in friendship burn.*

*- Addison*

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*The only way to have a friend, is to be one.*

- Emerson

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Some friendships are made by nature, some by contract, some by interest, and some by souls.

- Jeremy Taylor

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*The firmest friendships have been formed in mutual adversity, as iron is most strongly united by the fiercest flame.*

*- Colton*

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Only that soul can be my friend which I  
encounter on the line of my own march, that soul  
to which I do not decline and which does not  
decline to me, but, native of the same celestial  
latitude, repeats in its own all my experience.

- Emerson

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*It is a friendly heart that has plenty of friends.*

*- Thackeray*

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*We have few friendships, because we are not  
willing to pay the price of friendship.*

*– Hugh Black*

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*Hand*

*Grasps hand, eye lights eye in good friendship,*

*And great hearts expand,*

*And grow one in the sense of this world's life.*

*- Robert Browning*

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A friend whom you have been gaining during your whole life, you ought not to be displeased with in a moment. A stone is many years becoming a ruby; take care that you do not destroy it in an instant against another stone.

- Saadi

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Once let friendship be given that is born of God,  
nor time nor circumstance can change it to a  
lessening; it must be mutual growth, increasing  
trust, widening faith, enduring patience, forgiving  
love, unselfish ambition—an affection built before  
the Throne, that will bear the test of time and trial.

– Allan Throckmorton

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*A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.*

*- Proverbs xviii. 24*

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You'll never hope  
To be such friends, for instance she and you,  
As when you hunted cowslips in the woods  
Or played together in the meadow hay.  
Oh yes—with age, respect comes, and your worth  
Is felt, there's growing sympathy of tastes,  
There's ripened friendship, there's confirmed esteem.

— Robert Browning

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*Plant thou the tree of friendship only; so shall thy  
heart's desire bear fruit:*

*Uproot thou hatred's plant completely, or woes  
unnumbered thence may shoot.*

*- Hafiz*

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Friendship's an abstract of this noble flame,  
Tis love refin'd, and purged from all its dross,  
Tis next to angels' love, if not the same,  
As strong in passion is, though not so gross.

- Catherine Philips

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*Golden friendship is not a common thing to be  
picked up in the street.... There are pearls of the  
heart, which cannot be thrown to swine.*

*- Hugh Black*

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*Friendship, peculiar boon of Heaven,  
The noble mind's delight and pride,  
To men and angels only given,  
To all the lower world denied.*

*- Samuel Johnson*

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*O Friendship! thou divinest alchemist, that man  
should ever profane thee!*

*- Douglas Jerrold*

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*Pure friendship is something which men of inferior intellect can never taste.*

*- De la Bruyère*

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*The essence of friendship is entireness, a total magnanimity and trust. It must not surmise or provide for infirmity. It treats its object as a god that it may deify both.*

*- Emerson*

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*For perfect friendship it may be said to require  
natures so rare and costly, so well tempered each,  
and so happily adapted, and withal so  
circumstanced that very seldom can its satisfaction  
be realized.*

*- Emerson*

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Love shows me the opulence of nature, by disclosing to me in my friend a hidden wealth, and I infer an equal depth of good in every other direction.

- Emerson

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Who talks of a common friendship? There is no such thing in the world. On earth no word is more sublime. Friendship is the nearest thing we know to what religion is. God is love.

- Henry Drummond

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You will forgive me, I hope, for the sake of the  
friendship between us,

Which is too true and too sacred to be so easily  
broken!

- Longfellow

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He that wrongs his friend  
Wrongs himself more, and ever bears about  
A silent court of justice in his breast,  
Himself the judge and jury, and himself  
The prisoner at the bar, ever condemn'd:  
And that drags down his life.

- Tennyson

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*A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature.*

*– Emerson*

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*The moment we indulge our affections, the earth is metamorphosed: there is no winter, and no night: all tragedies, all ennuis vanish; all duties even; nothing fills the preceding eternity but the forms all radiant of beloved persons.*

*- Emerson*

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*The only rose without thorns is friendship.*

*- Mlle. de Scuderi*

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To the young friendship comes as the glory of  
spring, a very miracle of beauty, a mystery of  
birth: to the old it has the bloom of autumn,  
beautiful still, but with the beauty of decay.

- Hugh Black

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The pledge of Friendship! it is still divine,  
Though watery floods have quenched its burning  
wine;

Whatever vase the sacred drops may hold,  
The gourd, the shell, the cup of beaten gold,  
Around its brim the bond of Nature throws  
A garland sweeter than the banquet's rose.

- O. W. Holmes

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**Golden Link of Friendship – Copywork for Children**

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O friend, my bosom said,  
Through thee alone the sky is arched,  
Through thee the rose is red;  
All things through thee take nobler form,  
And look beyond the earth,  
The mill-round of our fate appears  
A sun-path in thy worth.  
Me too thy nobleness has taught  
To master my despair;  
The fountains of my hidden life  
Are through thy friendship fair.

- Emerson

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*Friend is a word of royal tone;*

*Friend is a poem all alone.*

*- From the Persian*

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*Happy is the house that shelters a friend! It might well be built like a festal bower or arch, to entertain him a single day.*

*- Emerson*

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Thick waters show no images of things;  
Friends are each other's mirrors, and should be  
Clearer than crystal, or the mountain-springs,  
And free from clouds, design, or flattery.  
For vulgar souls no part of friendship share;  
Poets and friends are born to what they are.

– Catherine Philips

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*First on thy friend deliberate with thyself,  
Pause, ponder, sift; not eager in the choice,  
Nor jealous of the chosen: fixing, fix; –  
Judge before friendship, then confide till death.*

*– Young*

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*The highest friendship must always lead us to the highest pleasure.*

*- Fielding*

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*Friendship demands a religious treatment. We must not be willful, we must not provide. We talk of choosing our friends, but friends are self-elected. Reverence is a great part of it.*

*- Emerson*

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Friendship with the upright; friendship with the sincere; and friendship with the man of much observation: these are advantageous. Friendship with the man of specious airs; friendship with the insinuatingly soft; and friendship with the glib-tongued: these are injurious.

- Confucius

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*Oh, be my friend, and teach me to be thine!*

*- Emerson*

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My friends have come to me unsought; the great  
God gave them to me.

- Emerson

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*The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,  
Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel;  
But do not dull thy palm with entertainment  
Of each new-hatch'd, unfledged comrade.*

*- Shakespeare*

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*He makes no friend who never made a foe.*

*- Tennyson*

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Who friendship with a knave hath made

Is judg'd a partner in the trade.

- Gary

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*A man's friends are his magnetisms.*

*- Emerson*

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*A good man is the best friend, and therefore soonest to be chosen, longer to be retained, and, indeed, never to be parted with, unless he cease to be that for which he was chosen.*

*- Jeremy Taylor*

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Friendship sealed by companionship in sin will  
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*Eschew that friend, if thou art wise,*

*Who consorts with thy enemies.*

*- Saadi*

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Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I  
command you.

- John xv. 14

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*His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.*

*- Canticles v. 16*

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*He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of  
his lips the King shall be his friend.*

*– Proverbs xxii. 11*

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*It is said that when he came to die, the last words of the American President Edwards, after bidding his weeping relatives good-bye, were: "Now where is Jesus of Nazareth, my true and never-failing Friend?" So saying he fell asleep.*

*- Anonymous*

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*Friendship is the ideal, friends are the reality;  
reality always remains far apart from the ideal.*

*- Joseph Roux*

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*They seem to take away the sun from the world  
who withdraw friendship from life.*

*– Cicero*

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You're my friend

What a thing friendship is, world without end!

How it gives the heart and soul a stir up!

- Robert Browning

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*I do not wish to treat friendships daintily, but with roughest courage. When they are real, they are not glass threads or frostwork, but the solidest thing we know.*

*- Emerson*

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*Nothing makes the earth seem so spacious as to have friends at a distance; they make the latitudes and longitudes.*

*- Henry D. Thoreau*

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O, weary hearts! O, slumbering eyes!

O, drooping souls, whose destinies

Are fraught with fear and pain,

Ye shall be loved again!

No one is so accursed by fate,

No one so utterly desolate,

But some heart, though unknown,

Responds unto his own.

Responds, – as if with unseen wings,

An angel touched its quivering strings;

And whispers, in its song,

Where hast thou stayed so long?

– Longfellow

**Golden Link of Friendship – Copywork for Children**

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Friendship is a word the very sight of which in  
print makes the heart warm.

– Augustine Birrell

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Real friends are our greatest joy and our greatest  
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- Fénelon

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True happiness consists not in the multitude of friends, but in the worth and choice.

- Ben Jonson

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*Friendship, mysterious cement of the soul,  
Sweetener of life, and solder of society,  
I owe thee much: thou hast deserr'd from me  
Far, far beyond what I can ever pay.*

*- Blair*

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Not all the works of Science, Art,  
Or Genius in this world are worth  
One genuine sigh that from the heart  
Friendship or Love draws freshly forth.

– Thomas Moore

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*Friendship always benefits, while love sometimes injures.*

*- Seneca*

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To have a friend is to have one of the sweetest gifts that life can bring: to be a friend is to have a solemn and tender education of soul from day to day.

– Anna R. Brown

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Friendship is an allay of our sorrows, the ease of our passions, the discharge of our oppressions, the sanctuary to our calamities, the counselor of our doubts, the clarity of our minds, the emission of our thoughts, the exercise and improvement of what we meditate.

- Jeremy Taylor

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*True friendship is like sound health, the value of it is seldom known until it be lost.*

*– Colton*

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*Friendship is an order of nobility; from its  
revelations we come more worthily into nature.*

*– Emerson*

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*Ah, how good it feels! the hand of an old friend.*

*- Longfellow*

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*He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare,*

*But he who has one enemy will meet him everywhere.*

*– Oriental Proverb*

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Nor scour the seas, nor sift mankind,

A poet or a friend to find;

Behold, he watches at the door,

Behold his shadow on the floor.

- Emerson

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A friend who will not despise us for our weakness, nor disown us for our sinfulness, nor tire of us for being troublesome, nor scoff at us for our sensibility, but who will patiently hear our tale, fully understand our regret, tenderly recognize our stumbling-blocks, and be honest enough to tell us the truth, cost us what it may—oh, do you not see what a real help he might be to us.

– Bishop Thorold

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*A friend*

*Welded into our life is more to us*

*Than twice five thousand kinsmen, one in blood.*

*- Euripides*

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*I used to think that friendship meant happiness: I  
have learnt that it means discipline.*

*- Anna R. Brown*

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Dear is my friend—yet from my foe, as from my  
friend comes good:

My friend shows what I can do, and my foe  
what I should.

—Schiller

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*We can live without a brother, but not without a friend.*

*- German Proverb*

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*Love is flower-like;*

*Friendship is like a sheltering tree.*

*– Coleridge*

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*You shall perceive how you mistake my fortunes;  
I am wealthy in my friends.*

*- Shakespeare*

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*"I know and esteem you, and feel that your nature  
is noble,*

*Lifting mine up to a higher, a more ethereal level,*

*Therefore I value your friendship."*

*- Longfellow*

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*In friendship, there is no commerce or business  
depending on the same, but itself.*

*- Montaigne*

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*You must therefore love me, myself, and not my  
circumstances, if we are to be real friends.*

*- Cicero*

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*I can never think of promoting my convenience  
at the expense of a friend's interest and  
inclination.*

*- George Washington*

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There is possible to-day, as ever, a generous  
friendship which forgets self.... The miracle of  
friendship has been too often enacted on this dull  
earth of ours to suffer us to doubt either its  
possibility or its wondrous beauty.

- Hugh Black

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Friendship is like a debt of honor; the moment it is talked of, it loses its real name and assumes the more ungrateful form of obligation.

- Goldsmith

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*Have friends, not for the sake of receiving, but of giving.*

*- Joseph Roux*

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Amongst true friends there is no fear of losing anything.

- Jeremy Taylor

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*When men are friends, there is no need of justice;  
but when they are just, they still need friendship.*

*- Aristotle*

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Better be a nettle in the side of your friend, than his echo. The condition which high friendship demands is ability to do without it. To be capable of that high office requires great and sublime parts. There must be very two before there can be very one.

- Emerson

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*No friendship can excuse a sin.*

*– Jeremy Taylor*

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*Friendship is to be purchased only by friendship. A man must have authority over others, but he can never have their heart but by giving his own.*

*- Thomas Wilson*

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*True friends visit us in prosperity only when invited, but in adversity they come without invitation.*

*- Theophrastus*

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*Now can there be a worse disgrace than this—that I should be thought to value money more than the life of a friend?*

*— Plato*

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Love took up the harp of life, and smote on all  
the chords with might;

Smote the chord of Self, that, trembling, passed in  
music out of sight.

- Tennyson

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*True friendship's laws are by this rule express'd,*

*Welcome the coming, speed the parting quest.*

*– Homer*

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*Friends are to incite one another to God's works.*

*- William Ellery Channing*

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*I do then with my friends as I do with my books.*

*I would have them where I can find them.*

*- Emerson*

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*Our friends interpret the world and ourselves to us,  
if we take them tenderly and truly.*

*- A. Bronson Alcott*

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Faithful are the wounds of a friend,

But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart:

So doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty  
counsel.

Iron sharpeneth iron;

So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his  
friend.

- Proverbs xxvii. 6, 9, 17

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To take the advice of some few friends is ever honorable; for lookers-on many times see more than gamesters, and the vale best discovereth the hill.

- Bacon

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*Here around the ingle bleezing,  
Wha sae happy and sae free;  
Tho' the northern wind blaws freezing,  
Frien'ship warms baith you and me.*

*- Burns*

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*Friends are the leaders of the bosom, being more ourselves than we are, and we complement our affections in theirs.*

*- A. Bronson Alcott*

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More things are wrought by prayer  
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice  
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.  
For what are men better than sheep or goats  
That nourish a blind life within the brain,  
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer  
Both for themselves and those who call them  
friend?

- Tennyson

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*If I mayn't tell you what I feel, what is the use  
of a friend?*

*- Thackeray*

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*I take of worthy men whate'er they give:*

*Their heart I gladly take, if not, their hand;*

*If that, too, is withheld, a courteous word,*

*Or the civility of placid looks.*

*- Joanna Baillie*

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*Friendship maketh a fair day in the affections,  
from storm and tempest; but it maketh daylight  
in the understanding, out of darkness and  
confusion of thoughts.*

*- Bacon*

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*He who will not to friends' advice attend;  
Must not complain when they him reprehend.*

*- Saadi*

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There is no such flatterer as is a man's self, and  
there is no such remedy against flattery of a  
man's self as the liberty of a friend.

- Bacon

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*Let flattery, however, the bond-maid of vices, be far removed from friendship, since it is not only unworthy of a friend, but of a free man.*

*- Cicero*

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How were friendship possible? In mutual devotedness to the Good and True: otherwise impossible, except as armed neutrality or hollow commercial league. A man, be the heavens ever praised, is sufficient for himself; yet were ten men, united in love, capable of being and of doing what ten thousand singly would fail in. Infinite is the help man can yield to man.

- Carlyle

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**Golden Link of Friendship – Copywork for Children**

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A real friend is one who will tell you of your faults and follies in prosperity, and assist you with his hand and heart in adversity.

- Horace Smith

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There be three sorts of friends: the first is like a torch we meet in a dark street; the second is like a candle in a lantern that we overtake; the third is like a link that offers itself to the stumbling passenger. The met torch is the sweet-lipped friend, which lends us a flash of compliment for the time, but quickly leaves us to our former darkness. The over-taken lantern is the true friend, which, though it promise but a faint light, yet it goes along with us as far as it can to our journey's end. The offered link is the mercenary friend, which though it be ready enough to do us service, yet that service hath a servile relation to our bounty.

- Quarles



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*That which is most beneficent is also most excellent; and therefore those friendships must needs be most perfect where the friends can be most useful.*

*- Jeremy Taylor*

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*I would not live without the love of my friends.*

*- Keats*

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Every man has frequent grievances which only the solicitude of friendship will discover and remedy, and which would remain forever unheeded in the mighty heap of human calamity, were it only surveyed by the eye of general benevolence equally attractive to every misery.

- Samuel Johnson

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There is no man that imparteth his joys to his friend, but he joyeth the more; and no man that imparteth his griefs to his friend, but he grieveth the less.

- Bacon

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*Friendship? two bodies and one soul.*

*- Joseph Roux*

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*It is easy to say how we love new friends, and what we think of them, but words can never trace out all the fibers that knit us to the old.*

*- George Eliot*

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*We still have slept together,*

*Rose at an instant, learn'd, play'd, eat together:*

*And wheresoe'er we went like Juno's swans,*

*Still we went coupled, and inseparable.*

*- Shakespeare*

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*Hold faithfulness and sincerity as first principles;  
have no friends not equal to yourself.*

*- Confucius*

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Old friends are best. King James used to call for his old shoes. They were easiest for his feet.

- John Selden

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*Men have sometimes exchanged names with their friends, as if they would signify that in their friend each loved his own soul.*

*- Emerson*

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*A generous friendship no cold medium knows,  
Burns with one love, with one resentment glows,  
One should our interests and our passions be,  
My friend must hate the man that injures me.*

*- Pope*

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*Keep thy friend under thy own life's key.*

*– Shakespeare*

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Greater love hath no man than this, that a man  
lay down his life for his friends.

- John xv. 13

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The friendship of the pure-minded, whether in presence or absence, is not such that they will find fault with thee behind thy back, and die for thee in thy presence.

- Saadi

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"Yes, we must ever be friends; and of all who offer  
you friendship

Let me be ever the first, the truest, the nearest and  
dearest!"

- Longfellow

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Friendship like love is but a name,  
Unless to one you stint the flame.  
The child, whom many fathers share,  
Hath seldom known a father's care.  
Tis thus in friendships; who depend  
On many, rarely find a friend.

- Gay

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*There must be many a pair of friends  
Who, arm in arm, deserve the warm  
Moon-births and the long evening-ends.  
So, for their sake, be Mary still Mary!*

*- Robert Browning*

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*When two friends part, they should lock up each other's secrets and exchange keys.*

*- Anonymous*

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Who is not ready to acknowledge that friendship is the delight of youth, the pillar of age, the bloom of prosperity, the charm of solitude, the solace of adversity, the best benefactor and comforter in this vale of tears?

- Anonymous

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*Except in cases of necessity, which are rare, leave your friend to learn unpleasant truths from his enemies; they are ready enough to tell them.*

*– Oliver Wendell Holmes*

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*A true friend will appear such in leaving us to act according to our intimate conviction, – will cherish this nobleness of sentiment, will never wish to substitute his power for our own.*

*– William Ellery Channing*

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The man who prefers his dearest friend to the call of duty will soon show that he prefers himself to his dearest friend.

- F. W. Robertson

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*If you could keep your friend, approach him with  
a telescope, never with the microscope.*

*- Anonymous*

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*Give not thy friend so much power that if one day he should become a foe, thou mayst not be able to resist him.*

*- Saadi*

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Don't flatter yourselves that friendship authorizes you to say disagreeable things to your intimates. On the contrary, the nearer you come into relation with a person, the more necessary do tact and courtesy become.

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Keep your undrest, familiar style for strangers, but  
respect your friend.

- Coventry Patmore

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*Let us, then, be what we are, and speak what we think, and in all things*

*Keep ourselves loyal to truth, and the sacred professions of friendship.*

*- Longfellow*

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*It is good discretion not to make too much of any man at first, because one cannot hold out that proportion.*

*- Bacon*

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The man that hails you Tom or Jack,  
And proves by thumps upon your back  
How he esteems your merit,  
Is such a friend that one had need  
Be very much his friend indeed  
To pardon or to bear it.

- Couper

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When an enemy has tried every expedient in  
vain, he will pretend friendship, and then, by this  
pretext, execute designs which no enemy could have  
effected.

- Saadi

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Worldly friendship is profuse in honeyed words,  
passionate endearments, commendations of beauty,  
while true friendship speaks a simple honest  
language.

- Francis de Sales

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*I am weary*

*Of the bewildering masquerade of Life,*

*Where strangers walk as friends and friends as  
strangers;*

*Where whispers overheard betray false hearts;*

*And through the mazes of the crowd we chase*

*Some form of loveliness, that smiles, and beckons,*

*And cheats us with fair words, only to leave us*

*A mockery and a jest; maddened, confused,—*

*Not knowing friend from foe.*

*— Longfellow*

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*A friend should be like money—tried before being required, not found faulty in our need.*

*– Plutarch*

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*He is our friend who loves more than admires us,  
and would aid us in our great work.*

*- William Ellery Channing*

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Know this, that he that is a friend to himself, is a  
friend to all men.

- Seneca

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A friend is he who sets his heart upon us, is happy with us, and delights in us; does for us what we want, is willing and fully engaged to do all he can for us, on whom we can rely in all cases.

- William Ellery Channing

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To act the part of a true friend requires more conscientious feeling than to fill with credit and complacency any other station or capacity in social life.

- Mrs. Ellis

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*There are no rules for friendship. It must be left to  
itself; we cannot force it any more than love.*

*- Hazlitt*

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*If thou wouldst get a friend, prove him first, and  
be not hasty to credit him. For some man is a  
friend for his own occasion, and will not abide in  
the day of trouble.*

*- Ecclesiasticus*

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When I see leaves drop from their trees in the beginning of autumn, just such, think I, is the friendship of the world. Whilst the sap of maintenance lasts, my friends swarm in abundance; but in the winter of my need they leave me naked. He is a happy man that hath a true friend at his need; but he is more truly happy that hath no need of his friend.

- Warwick

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*As the yellow gold is tried in the fire, so the faith  
of friendship must be seen in adversity.*

*– Ovid*

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True friendship, like a star, is made brilliant by  
the dark night.

- Anonymous

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*That friendship only is genuine when two friends, without speaking a word to each other, can, nevertheless, find happiness in being together.*

*- George Ebers*

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*Promises may get friends, but it is performance  
that must nurse and keep them.*

*- Owen Fellsam*

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*He is a friend who, in dubious circumstances, aids  
in deeds when deeds are necessary.*

*- Plautus*

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*In friendship your heart is like a bell struck every  
time your friend is in trouble.*

*- Henry Ward Beecher*

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Let me be alone to the end of the world, rather  
than that my friend should overstep by a word or  
a look his real sympathy.

- Emerson

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*The vital air of friendship is composed of confidence.*

*– Joseph Roux*

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*Friendship closes its eyes rather than see the moon  
eclipse; while malice denies that it is ever at the  
full.*

*- J. C. and A. W. Hare*

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*The most I can do for my friend is simply to be  
his friend.*

*- Henry D. Thoreau*

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*It is a proof of a man's fitness for friendship that he is able to do without that which is cheap and passionate. A true friendship is as wise as it is tender.*

*- Henry D. Thoreau*

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*A foe to God was ne'er true friend to man,  
Some sinister intent taints all he does.*

*- Young*

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The silence of a friend commonly amounts to treachery. His not daring to say anything in our behalf implies a tacit censure.

- Hazlitt

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*Think not thy friend one who in fortune's hour*

*Boasts of his friendship and fraternity.*

*Him I call friend who sums up all his power*

*To aid thee in distress and misery.*

*- Saadi*

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Oh happy days, oh early friends,  
How Life since then hath lost its flowers!  
But yet tho' Time some foliage rends,  
The stem, the Friendship, still is ours;  
And long may it endure, as green  
And fresh as it hath always been!

- Thomas Moore

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*A true friend is forever a friend.*

*- George MacDonald*

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Your friend has never really loved you, never quite trusted you, who lightly lets himself think that you have drifted away from him.

- Bishop Thorold

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*There are three faithful friends—an old wife, an old dog, and ready money.*

*— Benjamin Franklin*

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*Should auld acquaintance be forgot,*

*And never brought to mind?*

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot,*

*And days o' lang syne?*

*- Burns*

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There is no treasure the which may be compared  
unto a faithful friend;

Gold soone decayeth, and worldly wealth  
consumeth and wasteth in the winde:

But love once planted in a perfect and pure minde  
endureth weale or woe;

The frounes of fortune, come they never so  
unkinde, cannot the same overthrowe.

- Roxburghe Ballads

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*I am not of that feather to shake off*

*My friend when he must need me.*

*- Shakespeare*

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*The faults of our friends ought never to anger us so far as to give an advantage to our enemies.*

*- Lord Chesterfield*

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*Love is and was my Lord and King,  
And in his presence I attend  
To hear the tidings of my friend,  
Which every hour his couriers bring.*

*- Tennyson*

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*So Life's year begins and closes;  
Days, though short'ning, still can shine;  
What though youth gave love and roses,  
Age still leaves us friends and wine.*

*- Thomas Moore*

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*Let all be forgotten between us—*

*All save the dear old friendship, and that shall  
grow older and dearer.*

*— Longfellow*

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*It is a mere and miserable solitude to want true  
friends, without which the world is but a  
wilderness.*

*- Bacon*

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*Ill-starred, indeed, is he who injures men:*

*Is fortune adverse, he is friendless then.*

*- Saadi*

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Those that want friends are cannibals of their own hearts. Communicating a man's self to his friends redoubleth his joys and cutteth griefs in halves. A friend is another himself. If a man have not a friend, he may quit the world's stage!

- Bacon

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*A favorite has no friend.*

*- Gray*

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*It is only the great-hearted who can be true  
friends; the mean and cowardly can never know  
what true friendship means.*

*- Charles Kingsley*

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We walk alone in the world. Friends such as we desire are dreams and fables. But a sublime hope cheers ever the faithful heart, that elsewhere, in other regions of the universal power, souls are now acting, enduring, and daring, which can love us and which we can love.

- Emerson

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Alas! they had been friends in youth;  
But whispering tongues can poison truth;  
And constancy lives in realms above;  
And life is thorny; and youth is vain;  
And to be wroth with one we love  
Doth work like madness in the brain.

- Coleridge

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Intimacies which increase vanity destroy  
friendship.

- William Ellery Channing

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*Between friends, frequent reproofs make the  
friendship distant.*

*- Confucius*

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Our friendships hurry to short and poor conclusions, because we have made them a texture of wine and dreams, instead of the tough fibre of the human heart. The laws of friendship are great, austere, and eternal, of one web with the laws of nature and of morals.

- Emerson

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Each spoke words of high disdain  
And insult to his heart's best brother:  
They parted—ne'er to meet again!  
But never either found another  
To free the hollow heart from paining  
They stood aloof, the scars remaining,  
Like cliffs which had been rent asunder;  
A dreary sea now flows between.  
But neither heat, nor frost, nor thunder,  
Shall wholly do away, I ween,  
The marks of that which once hath been.

— Coleridge

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What greetings smile, what farewells wave,  
What loved ones enter and depart!  
The good, the beautiful, the brave,  
The Heaven-lent treasures of the heart!  
How conscious seems the frozen sod  
And beechen slope whereon they trod!  
The oak-leaves rustle, and the dry grass bends  
Beneath the shadowy feet of lost or absent friends.

- Whittier

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O friend! O best of friends! Thy absence more  
Than the impending night darkens the landscape  
e'er!

- Longfellow

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What shall I do, my friend,  
When you are gone forever?  
My heart its eager need will send  
Through the years to find you never,  
And how will it be with you,  
In the weary world I wonder,  
Will you love me with a love as true,  
When our paths be far asunder?

- Mary Clemmer

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*A man dies as he loses his friends.*

*- Bacon*

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We call that person who has lost his father, an orphan; and a widower, that man who has lost his wife.... And that man who has known the immense unhappiness of losing his friend, by what name do we call him?... Here every human language holds its peace in impotence.

- Joseph Roux

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Alas! how light a cause may move  
Dissension between hearts that love! –  
Hearts, that the world in vain had tried  
And sorrow but more closely tied;  
That stood the storm when waves were rough,  
Yet in a sunny hour fall off:–  
Like ships that have gone down at sea,  
When heaven is all tranquility!

– Thomas Moore

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# Golden Link of Friendship – Copywork for Children

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*Waste not the hour of friendship; outside this  
House of Two Doors*

*Friends shall soon part asunder, no more together  
wending.*

*- Hafiz*

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How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places. I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: Very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

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Some tears fell down my cheeks and then I  
smiled,

As those smile who have no face in the world

To smile back to them. I had lost a friend.

- Mrs. Browning

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Forgive my grief for one removed,

Thy creature, whom I found so fair.

I trust he lives in thee, and there

I find him worthier to be loved.

- Tennyson

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*To wail friends lost*

*Is not by much so wholesome-profitable,*

*As to rejoice at friends but newly found.*

*- Shakespeare*

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*That aching of the breast, the grandest pain that man endures, which no other can assuage.*

*- Henry D. Thoreau*

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*A day for toil, an hour for sport,*

*But for a friend is life too short.*

*- Emerson*

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*Let us lay hold of Friendship. In the eternal life shall we not have friends for evermore?*

*– Anna R. Brown*

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*Love is a sudden blaze which soon decays,*

*Friendship is like the sun's eternal rays.*

*- Gary*

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Fast as the rolling seasons bring  
The hour of fate to those we love,  
Each pearl that leaves the broken string  
Is set in friendship's crown above.  
As narrower grows the earthly chain,  
The circle widens in the sky;  
These are our treasures that remain,  
But those are stars that beam on high.

- O. W. Holmes

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*True friendship between man and man is infinite  
and immortal.*

*- Plato*

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Sweet human hand and lips and eye,  
Dear heavenly friend that canst not die;  
Strange friend, past, present and to be;  
Loved deeplier, darklier understood;  
Behold I dream a dream of good,  
And mingle all the world with thee.

Thy voice is on the rolling air;  
I hear thee where the waters run;  
Thou standest in the rising sun,  
And in the setting thou art fair.

- Tennyson

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Not mine the sad and freezing dream  
Of souls that, with their earthly mould,  
Cast off the loves and joys of old,–

No! – I have friends in Spirit Land,–  
Not shadows in a shadowy band,  
Not others, but themselves are they.  
And still I think of them the same  
As when the Master's summons came.

– Whittier



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The way is short, O friend,  
That reaches out before us;  
God's tender heavens above us bend,  
His love is smiling o'er us;  
A little while is ours  
For sorrow or for laughter;  
I'll lay the hand you love in yours  
On the shore of the Hereafter.

- Mary Clemmer

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Yet less of sorrow lives in me  
For days of happy commune dead;  
Less yearning for the friendship fled,  
Than some strong bond which is to be.

- Tennyson

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