

A FRIEND

A friend's an attitude within you,
A talk you always can continue,
A feeling you have known awhile,
A thought that sparks an inner smile.

A friend's a person you hold dear,
Who ventures far, yet stays quite near,
Whose presence sets the spirit free,
Who brings out candor, honestly.

A friend shares all your joys and tears,
Feels triumph with you, knows your fears,
Accepts your strenghts and weakness, too,
Won't let small things dull friendship's hue.

A friend will walk life's miles with you,
And nourish values sound and true.
Though paths may sometimes drift apart,
True friendship never leaves the heart.

*Friendship is a great adventure.
In our friendship I discover new truths
about myself and about you
as we reveal to each other
deeper layers of ourselves.
Our friendship opens my mind,
widens my horizons,
fills me with new awareness,
deepens my feelings, gives my life meaning.
Our friendship helps me believe
I can take on the problems
and opportunities of life.
Our friendship has a newness about it
with each new day.
I am grateful for how sensitively
and delicately you are my friend.*

John Powell, s.j.

A FRIEND is one who knows you as you are,
understands where you've been, accepts
who you've become and still invites you to grow.

The Gift of Friendship

Friendship is a Priceless Gift
that cannot be bought or sold.
But its value is far greater
than a mountain made of gold-
For gold is cold and lifeless,
it can neither see nor hear,
And in the time of trouble
it is powerless to cheer-
It has no ears to listen,
no heart to understand.
It cannot bring you comfort
or reach out a helping hand-
So when you ask
God for a Gift,
be thankful if He sends
Not diamonds, pearls or riches,
but the love of real true friends.

In appreciation for the many qualities
that made you so special
in my heart.

For being a push when I falter,
a word when I'm lonely,
a guide when I'm searching,
a smile when I'm sad,
a song when I'm happy.

For knowing me as I am,
for accepting who I've become.

With much love, I take joy
in presenting this expression
of my thanks for all
you mean to me.