

## 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.

## 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.

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.