

## A FRIEND IS...

One who knows you as you are,  
understands where you've been,  
accepts who you've become,  
and still, gently invites you to grow.

A push when you've stopped,  
A word when you're lonely,  
A guide when you're searching,  
A smile when you're sad,  
A song when you're glad.

It takes more than words  
to let you know  
how much it means to me  
to have you as a friend  
I can depend on you for understanding  
when I am confused  
I can depend on you for comfort  
when I am sad  
I can depend on you for laughter  
when I am happy  
I am so thankful  
to know that you are  
always  
my friend 🍀

Though we  
drifted apart in distance  
I always  
think of you as being right here  
Though we have different interests  
our experiences are still the same  
and though we  
have many new friends  
it is our old and  
continuous friendship  
that means the most to me 🍀

Don't make friends with an elephant trainer  
unless you have room in your home  
for an elephant.

*saying of the Sufis,  
Islamic mystics*

When I need someone  
to talk to  
I turn to you  
When I need someone  
to laugh with  
I turn to you  
When I need someone  
to advise me  
I turn to you  
When I need someone  
to help me  
I turn to you  
Understanding each other's  
individual needs  
is what a real  
friendship is  
and I thank you deeply  
for providing  
such a friendship 🍀

Regardless of  
whom I meet  
or what I do  
or what I have become  
it is the friends  
I grew up with  
that I feel  
closest to  
and that I have  
the most in common with.

The primary joy of life is the acceptance, approval, sense of appreciation, and companionship of our human comrades. Many men do not understand that the need for fellowship is really as deep as the need for food, and so they go throughout life accepting many substitutes for genuine, warm, simple relatedness.

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When you look for a  
group of friends you  
can fit in with, make  
sure they're people  
you want to be like.

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