

## REAL FRIENDS:

Anyone can stand by you when you are right,  
but a Friend will stand by you even when you are wrong...

A simple friend identifies himself when he calls.  
A real friend doesn't have to.

A simple friend opens a conversation with a full news bulletin  
on his life. A real friend says, "What's new with you?"

A simple friend thinks the problems you whine about are recent.  
A real friend says, "You've been whining about the same thing  
for 14 years. Get off your duff and do something about it."

A simple friend has never seen you cry.  
A real friend has shoulders soggy from your tears.

A simple friend doesn't know your parents' first names.  
A real friend has their phone numbers in his address book.

A simple friend brings a bottle of wine to your party.  
A real friend comes early to help you cook and stays late to  
help you clean.

A simple friend hates it when you call after he has gone to bed.  
A real friend asks you why you took so long to call.

A simple friend seeks to talk with you about your problems.  
A real friend seeks to help you with your problems.

A simple friend wonders about your romantic history.  
A real friend could blackmail you with it.

A simple friend, when visiting, acts like a guest.  
A real friend opens your refrigerator and helps himself.

A simple friend thinks the friendship is over when you have an  
argument.  
A real friend knows it's not a friendship until after you've had a fight.

A simple friend expects you to always be there for them.  
A real friend expects to always be there for you!