

*A friend is a present  
you give yourself.*

— Robert Louis Stevenson

### THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP

We give many gifts to others,  
But there's one we give ourselves,  
One that's very, very precious  
That no store has on its shelves...  
It's a gift that must be given,  
For it can't be bought or sold,  
And there's no way we could buy it,  
Had we all the wide world's gold!  
Friendship is the gift to cherish  
That these words are speaking of,  
It is ours just for the giving  
Of our own friendship and love!

Helen Farries

## *The Bond Of Friendship*

*The bond that makes two people close  
is built on many things —*

*The warmth and understanding  
that a lasting friendship brings...*

*The comfort and security  
of knowing someone cares...*

*Someone who always listens  
and who reaches out and shares.*

— Carrie Spencer York

We cannot tell the precise moment when friendship is formed. As in filling a vessel drop by drop, there is at last a drop which makes it run over, so in a series of kindnesses there is at last one which makes the heart run over.

— Samuel Johnson

*I am wealthy in my friends.*

William Shakespeare

### THE GOLDEN CHAIN

Friendship is a golden chain,  
The links are friends so dear,  
And like a rare and precious jewel  
It's treasured more each year...  
It's clasped together firmly  
With a love that's deep and true,  
And it's rich with happy memories  
And fond recollections, too...  
Time can't destroy its beauty  
For, as long as memory lives,  
Years can't erase the pleasure  
That the joy of friendship gives...  
And the golden chain of friendship  
Is a strong and blessed tie  
Binding kindred hearts together  
As the years go passing by.

Helen Steiner Rice

## *You Brighten My World*

*What a wonderful place  
this world would be,  
What a happy place to live  
If everybody gave all the joy  
And happiness you give —  
If everybody just took time  
To spread more love and cheer,  
Took time to be more considerate,  
More thoughtful and sincere!  
Thank you for all the joy you give  
And thank you for being you —  
Friends like you are certainly  
Too far between and few!*

Helen Farries