

**I love you because you
Are helping me to make
Of the lumber of my life
Not a tavern
But a temple;
Out of works
Of my every day
Not a reproach
But a song.**

**I love you
Because you have done
More than any creed
Could have done
To make me good,
And more than any fate
Could have done
To make me happy.**

**You have done it
Without a touch,
Without a word,
Without a sign.**

**You have done it
By being yourself.
Perhaps that is what
Being a friend means,
After all.**

— Roy Croft

***The ornaments of our house
are the friends that frequent it.***

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

***Love is the greatest of human
affections, and friendship the
noblest and most refined
improvement of love.***

— South

Only God Gives A Friend

I think that God will never send.
A gift so precious as a friend.
A friend who always understands.
And fills each need as it demands.
Whose loyalty will stand the test.
When skies are bright or overcast.
Who sees the faults that merit
blame.

But keeps on loving just the same.
Who does far more than creeds
could do.

To make us good, to make us true,
Earth's gifts a sweet contentment
lend.

But only God can give a friend!

— Rosalie Carter

***The only way to live happily with people
is to overlook their faults and admire their
virtues.***

● Some people make enemies instead
of friends because it is less trouble.

— E.C. McKenzie

● Be slow in choosing a friend, slower
in changing.

— Benjamin Franklin

● An old friend is better than two new
ones.

— Russian Proverb

● Associate yourself with men of good
quality if you esteem your own reputa-
tion; for 'tis better to be alone than in bad
company.

— George Washington

● When we lose a friend we die a little.

● If you really want to know who your
friends are, just make a mistake.

— The Bible Friend

● So long as we love we serve. No man
is useless while his is a friend.

— Robert Louis Stevenson