

The deepest laid stone in an enduring friendship
must be the purpose to love truly,
to be the friend one ought to be,
to make the friendship of such a kind
that it shall tend to bring out the absolute best in each.
— Henry Churchill King

There is in friendship something of all relations,
and something above them all. *John Evelyn*
It is the golden thread that ties the heart of all the world.

To know there are some souls, hearts and minds,
here and there, who trust us and whom we trust,
on whom we can always rely and who will always
rely on us—it makes a paradise of this great world.
The only solid thing in this vast universe is love.
This makes our life really life.

—James Freeman Clarke

Coming
together
is a beginning;
Keeping
together
is progress;
Working
together
is success.
— Anonymous

The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand,
nor the kindly smile nor the joy of companionship;
it is the spirited inspiration that comes to one when
he discovers that someone else believes in him
and is willing to trust him.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Give yourself in wider and wider
circles of sympathy
until you embrace the whole world
with your friendliness.
Then your life will be
as wide as your love.
—Elsie Robinson

There is no friend like an old friend
Who has shared our morning days,
No greeting like his welcome,
No homage like his praise.
— Oliver Wendell Holmes

Our life is rounded out by the
inherent gifts of other lives;
and as the needs
of our spirit are many,
so we need many kinds of friends.
— Bertha Conde

The best and most beautiful
things in the world
cannot be seen or even touched.
They must be felt with the heart.
— Helen Keller

No human relation gives one possession in another —
every two souls are absolutely different.
In friendship or in love,
the two side by side raise hands together
to find what one cannot reach alone.
— Kahlil Gibran

There will be mutual giving and taking,
the sharing of experience and wisdom,
until we find ourselves a part of every friend
and every friend a part of us.
— Bertha Conde

The most wonderful of all things in life, I believe, is the discovery of another human being with whom one's relationship has a glowing depth, beauty and joy as the years increase. This inner progressiveness of love between two human beings is a most marvelous thing, it cannot be found by looking for it or by passionately wishing for it. It is a sort of Divine accident.

— Sir Hugh Walpole

I am very free in speech.
I am perfectly natural with all my friends,
and hate all restraint . . .
If anything I do displeases them,
friendship demands only for them to tell me so,
and I will certainly take care not to offend again . . .
Misunderstanding and resolve
. . . will only serve to render our friendship ever more firm.
— Ludwig van Beethoven

I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife.
But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears,
Both parts of an infinite plan —
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

— Sam Walter Foss

All self-revelation and intimacy
in friendship
must be spontaneous and natural.
It must come like the
opening of a flower
in the sunshine
and cannot be forced . . .

If there is confidence
and trustfulness
there will be
a deeper sharing
of life
day
by
day.

— Bertha Conde

I salute you.
I am your friend,
and my love for you
goes deep.
There is nothing
I can give you which
you have not got;
but there is much,
while I cannot give it,
you can take.

— Fra Giovanni

Even the utmost goodwill and harmony
and practical kindness are not sufficient for Friendship,
for Friends do not live in harmony merely,
as some say, but in melody.
We do not wish for Friends to feed and clothe our bodies —
neighbors are kind enough for that —
but to do the like office to our spirits.

— Henry David Thoreau

I think in my whole life
I shall never know
a joy so sweet
as that of feeling my thoughts,
which are the best part of me,
passing into the heart and thought
of friends such as yourself.
Thank you
for having given me
this happiness.

— Pierre Teilhard De Chardin

The finest kind of friendship
is between people who expect
a great deal of each other
but never ask it.

— Anonymous

I did keep my eyes on you, and kept
my ears open when you came close to me.
I saw the lines chopped across your face
by the troubles in time and space. I saw
the wind shape your face so the sun could
light it up with thoughts and shadows. I
remember your face as it was when I saw
you. I hear your voice in its own loose
words like it spoke when I heard it. I saw
the several ways that your eyes got dark
and light while you talked. I saw your
hopes shine back in your eyes at times
when you kept quiet.

And even when you kept quiet I could
see your wants on your face, because you
told me those wants and I made your
wants a part of my wants. I told you my
troubles and you made my troubles a part
of your troubles. You told me the things
you knew and I learned how to tell you
what I know.

— Woody Guthrie

A friend is one
to whom one may pour out
all the contents of one's heart,
chaff and grain together,
knowing that the gentlest of hands
will take and sift it,
keep what is worth keeping,
and with a breath of kindness
blow the rest away.

— Arabian proverb

Heaven is a Banquet
and Life is a banquet too,
even with a crust,
where there is companionship

— Dorothy

**It is one of the most beautiful
compensations of this life
that no man can sincerely try
to help another without helping himself.**
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

True friendship comes when silence between two people
is comfortable.
— Dave Tyson Gentry

**Friendship is the only cement
that will ever hold the world together.**
— Woodrow Wilson

**Seek no friend to make him useful,
for that is the negation of friendship;
but seek him that you may be useful,
for this is of friendship's essence.**
— Henry Wallace

**There is no possession
more valuable than
a good and faithful friend.**
— Socrates

**A man is ethical only when life, as such,
is sacred to him, that of plants and animals
as well as that of his fellowman,
and when he devotes himself helpfully
to all life that is in need of help.**
— Albert Schweitzer

**To be rich in friends
is to be poor in nothing.**
— Lilian Whiting

True friendship is like sound health, the value of it is
seldom known until it be lost.
— Charles Caleb Colton (1780–1832)

**I cannot require my friend
to love me with warmth,
with delicacy, with thoughtfulness,
or an effusive heart,
but only to love me to the best of his ability.**
— Madame D'Epinay

There is a magnet in your heart that will attract true friends. That magnet
is unselfishness, thinking of others first . . . when you learn to live for
others, they will live for you.
— Paramahansa Yogananda

Without friends no one would choose to live, though he had all other
goods.
— Aristotle

**Only in recent times has it been practicable
for men to extend their fellowship
to all humanity.**
— Pope John XXIII

If you press me to say why I loved him, I can say no more than it was
because he was he, and I was I.
— Montaigne

**A little word in kindness spoken,
A motion or a tear,
Has often healed the heart that's broken,
And made a friend sincere.**
— Colesworthy