

Friend! How sacred the word. Born in the heart of God, and given to man as a treasure from the eternities — no word in the languages so heavily freighted with meaning.

With one friend I would count myself rich; to possess more than one, I were rich beyond comparison. A friend is a priceless gem for the crown of life here and a cherished star in memory forever.

— Cyrus S. Nusbaum

Years and years of happiness only make us realize how lucky we are to have friends that have shared and made that happiness a reality.

— Robert E. Frederick

Though I am different from you,
we were born involved in one another.

— Tao Ch'ien

We do not learn to know men
through their coming to us.
To find out what sort of persons they are,
we must go to them.

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

I used to be too free with my judgments
and made enemies in this way;
now I judge no one,
and for no other reason than that I want to harm no one,
and in the end I say to myself;
if there's something decent in anyone, it will be upheld.

— Ludwig van Beethoven

*Friendship is the inexpressable
comfort of feeling safe with a person
having neither to weigh thoughts nor
measure words. George Eliot*

TTrue happiness consists not in the multitude of friends, but in their worth and choice.

— Ben Jonson