

**T**he 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

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

*John  
Evelyn*

**T**o 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

**C**oming  
together  
is a beginning;  
Keeping  
together  
is progress;  
Working  
together  
is success.

— Anonymous

**T**he 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

**G**ive 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

**T**here 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

**O**ur 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

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

**N**o 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

**T**here 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

**A**ll 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

**E**ven 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

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

— Anonymous

**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

**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'Épinay

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