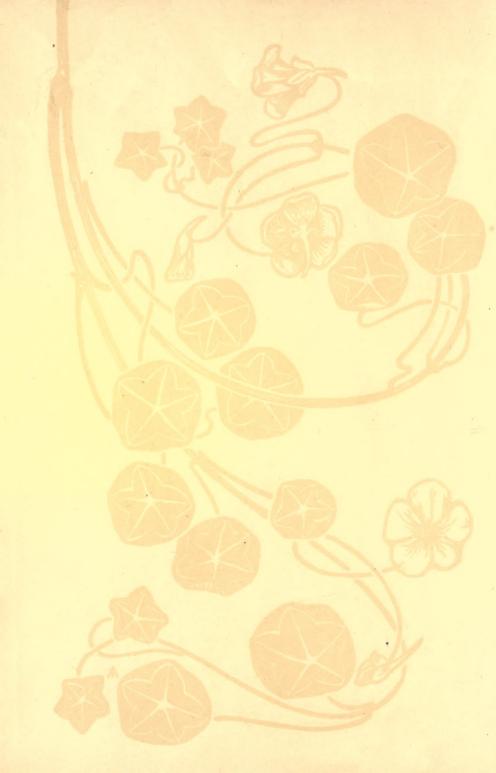
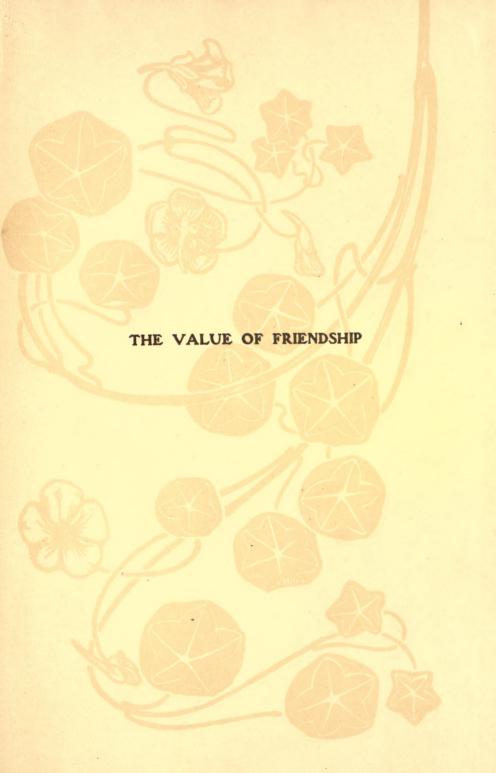


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TO A FRIEND

Long was my spirit like some lonely reef
In gray, unvisited oceans, where the Sea,
Relentless, drove its salt waves over me,
A cold, monotonous surf of unbelief;
But ere I hardened into hopeless grief,
Thou camest, bringing love, faith, sympathy;
I found myself and God in finding thee,
And my long dream of doubt looked void and
brief.

Then was my soul, with her new glory dazed,

Like that green island among tropic seas

When the strange sail approached the wondering shore,

And startled eyes beheld the cross upraised,
While the great Spaniard sank upon his knees,
And the Te Deum shook San Salvador!

Frederic Lawrence Knowles



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Friendship is common to all peoples and all times. The blood-compacts, the exchange of gifts, and the comradeships in battle which are found in savage tribes and among primitive races hardly deserve, it is true, the name that civilized man gives to this most exalted of passions. Yet long before the Christian era we meet with examples of friendship which equal in devotion and intensity anything in contemporary annals.

Passing over the beautiful Hebrew tales of Ruth and Naomi, and of Jonathan and David, we have only to turn to the history of Greece in order to find many notable stories of friendship, of which the legends of Herakles and Hylas, Apollo and Hyacinth, and Orestes and Pylades occur at once to the mind. Who has forgotten the grief of Pollux upon the death of his beloved Castor, or the friendship of Philolaus for Diocles, which was so strong that after their death "even their graves were turned toward one another in token of their affection." The undying attachment of Achilles for Patroclus forms the main motive of Homer's Iliad, and

the story of the Theban friends, Epaminondas and Pelopidas, is in every schoolboy's memory.

Still more noteworthy, if possible, is the story of the "Sacred Band of Thebans," a company of one hundred and fifty pair of friends. "Two by two in a bond of sacred friendship these soldiers enlisted for a life-and-death struggle together; and such heroes they were, through being such friends, that their band was never overborne in conflict until the great battle of Chaeronea; and then they all stood and fell together, 'faithful unto death.' When Philip of Macedon looked down upon those three hundred hero-friends, 'dead in their armour, heaped one upon another, having met the spears of the phalanx face to face,' he marvelled at the sight; and learning that it was the Band of Friends, he burst into tears. and said, 'Perish those who would suspect these men of doing or abetting anything base!""

"Fraternity in arms," says J. Addington Symonds, "played for the Greek race the same part as the idealization of women for the knighthood of feudal Europe."

But it would be a mistake to assume that friendship among the Greeks rested merely on military comradeships. Philosophers and their pupils, sculptors and favourite models, fellow orators, statesmen, and poets, also provide instances of closely cemented friendships. Edward Carpenter, a thorough student of the subject, says of friendship among the Greeks, that it "was the chief source of their bravery and independence, one

of the main motives of their art, and so far an organic part of their whole polity that it is difficult to imagine the one without the other. ... Plato, himself, may almost be said to have founded his philosophy on this sentiment."

The Greeks, however, had no monopoly of friendship; we find remarkable instances among the Romans, Eastern races, mediaeval and early Christian states, as well as in every nation of the modern world. This will be made apparent by alluding, without further comment, to the attachments of Horace and Maecenas, Muhammad and Aboo Bekr, Roland and Oliver, St. Thomas Aguinas and St. Bonaventura, Luther and Melanchthon, Hampden and Pym, Goethe and Schiller, Washington and Hamilton, Wordsworth and Coleridge, Mme. de Staël and Mme. Récamier, Tennyson and Hallam. Among the friendships between men and women may be cited those of Michael Angelo and Vittoria Colonna, of Johnson and Mrs. Thrale, of Cowper and Mary Unwin, and of Fenelon and Mme. Guion. Friendship has influenced kings, powerfully affected philosophy and religion, and inspired the poetry of the world, from the early Hindoo and Scandinavian epics to the great elegies of Tennyson and Matthew Arnold.

A very suggestive study might be made of the part which friendship played in the lives of those who have written celebrated essays upon the theme. Cicero, Bacon, Emerson, and Thoreau offer, perhaps, the best available examples. With-

out attempting anything more than a hasty glance at the biographies of this quartette, so widely separated in time, and so unlike in personality, yet standing upon common ground in their ideal reverence for the virtue they celebrate, we may inquire briefly how each was influenced by his friendships.

Cicero's "De Amicitia," possibly the noblest treatise on the theme ever penned, discusses the nature and origin of friendship; among what sorts of persons the sentiment should exist; by what methods it may be maintained; and what should be its laws and duties. Written as it was at the end of Cicero's life, it cannot but call constantly to the reader's mind the affection which the great orator cherished for his friend Atticus, to whom more than half his extant letters were addressed, and for whom he had one of the loftiest personal attachments known to history. The essay was written by Cicero especially for the eyes of this refined Roman scholar, whose friend he had been for nearly half a century, and it reflects unconsciously the lights and shadows of that memorable friendship. In domestic, philanthropic, and social virtues, Cicero anticipated the familiar modern gospel of the brotherhood of man. His spirit is shown in the tender love he bore his brother, son, nephew, and daughter, but is most of all made manifest in his friendship for Atticus, regarding which Anthony Trollope says, in the course of his sympathetic biography, "It was one of that nature that it could not only bear

hard words, but could occasionally give them without fear of a breach. Can any man read the records of this long affection without wishing that he might be blessed with such a friendship?" And again: "To have loved his neighbour as himself before the teaching of Christ, was much to achieve; and that he did this is what I claim for Cicero." The author of "De Amicitia" had many faults of character which have been duly exploited by historians, but he may surely be forgiven much—like her of old—because he "loved much."

It is a far cry from Cicero to Bacon. Not only do we leap from the ancient to the modern world, but we also find unfortunately a corresponding distance in types of character. Bacon was an egoist. His own political advancement was his single purpose. Like Cicero, he was naturally courteous and amiable, but nothing, not even friendship, was permitted to stand in the path of his pet ambition. And friendship, at best, was with him a lukewarm liking or deference. rather than a passion. Henry Morley speaks of the "undue predominance" in him "of the intellectual over the emotional." "His love," says Doctor Fischer, of Heidelberg, "was a cool inclination, his hatred a cool dislike. It was easy for him to abandon, and even to persecute a fallen friend for the sake of gaining royal favour, or to contract a marriage which offered no charm but wealth." The Earl of Essex showed Bacon the greatest friendship, and presented him with

an estate. But the nobleman's affection met only with basest ingratitude. As one of Bacon's biographers tells us: "When Essex was brought to trial for a conspiracy against the queen, the friend whom he had so largely obliged and confided in not only deserted him in the hour of need, but unnecessarily appeared as counsel against him, and by every act and ingenuity as a pleader endeavoured to magnify his crimes." It must not be inferred that Bacon was malignantly cruel. There is every evidence for believing that his friendship for Essex was, until this unfortunate crisis in the latter's life, genuinely sincere. Indeed, when the earl's political schemes involved him in serious trouble, Bacon pleaded for him, and used his utmost influence in his behalf. But as soon as the ambitious statesman came to believe that his own reputation and prospect for preferment would suffer, his attachment proved to be too weak to stand the strain. Selflove triumphed over love for the unfortunate Essex, and Bacon openly appeared against him at the trial.

In turning from Bacon to the modern Diogenes, Henry David Thoreau, we leave the atmosphere of the treacherous and tragic, to breath the pure air of honest friendship. Though pure, however, highly rarefied. That the author of "Walden" was staunchly faithful to his friends, we have abundant testimony, but that he was in the main egoistic and ungenial is equally evident. He was thrifty, austere, fond of solitude, and con-

stantly bent on self-improvement. Emerson said of him that it was much easier for Thoreau to say no than yes. "His ruling passion," says Stevenson, "was to keep himself unspotted from the world." The same critic adds, "He was so eager to cultivate himself, and to be happy in his own society, that he could consent with difficulty even to the interruptions of friendship. 'Such are my engagements to myself that I dare not promise,' he once wrote in answer to an invitation." One of his friends remarked, "I love Henry, but I cannot like him; and as for taking his arm. I should as soon think of taking the arm of an elm-tree!" "He is, as yet," said Margaret Fuller, "a somewhat bare hill, which the warm gales of spring have not visited." It would be easy, however, to picture Thoreau as far more of a Spartan than he was. He had a most lovable and affectionate side. The death of his brother John left him for a time nearly crushed with grief. His sister bore testimony to his gentle cheerfulness during the last illness of his life. He cared greatly for little children, and, as his biographer, Mr. Salt, tells us, had a "remarkable power of interesting and amusing them." If his social instinct was, generally speaking, undeveloped, he held his few friendships with tenacity to the end. It may be true that, as one critic asserts, his main purpose in forming friendships was his own moral profit rather than the joy of hearty mutual intercourse, but this is by no means the last word to be said on

the subject. His oversensitiveness, exacting temperament, and lack of urbanity prevented his being a companion of any except those who lived on his own high and somewhat arid plane, but he was fully appreciated by the few elected souls who understood him. "I found him the staunchest of friends," is the testimony of Mr. Frank B. Sanborn. Emerson and Ellery Channing also bore witness to his constancy in friendship. Yet despite their honest words of eulogy, it remains true that Thoreau's chief intimate and comrade was Nature, and that his human friendships were rather more of the head than of the heart.

Emerson had a different temperament. He was gentle, urbane, and hospitable. "His friends," says Doctor Holmes, "were all who knew him." He kept open house in Concord; he entertained reformers, hero-worshippers, distant relatives, and even cranks, with exemplary patience. "Every kind and manner of man interested him," writes Cabot, "and the more the greater the difference from himself." In all this, he could hardly be further removed from Thoreau, to whom the average man was far less welcome a companion than a squirrel or a woodchuck. But it is hard to believe that individual friendships meant even as much to Emerson as to Thoreau. He would hold intercourse with his friend, if at all, on a very lofty plane. It was a long procession of people of all sorts that made its way to the master's study in Concord, and not a few of this number registered themselves before the

world as friends of the philosopher; but though many of those who knocked were admitted, few were chosen. Emerson, much as he was alone, wished ever to be near people, but he seemed incapable of taking them into the inmost sanctuary of his heart. His attitude toward even his intimate associates was that of genial friendliness rather than that of passionate friendship. There is an unconscious touch of pathos in his saying of the lonely man that he "is solitary because he has society in his thought, and, when people come in, they drive away his society, and isolate him. We would all be public men if we could afford it. I am wholly private; such is the poverty of my constitution."

The lives of Cicero, Bacon, and the two Concord philosophers might fairly be allowed to stand as representative. A brief word, however, may be added in conclusion about a few others whose writings and personalities bear upon our theme.

The life of Montaigne, who has left us in his essay on friendship one of the noblest tributes to this virtue since the time of Aristotle and Plato, was completely changed by his pure passion—passing the love of women—for Etienne de la Boëtie. And there is scarcely need to remind the reader that the greatest elegiac poem of modern times, "In Memoriam," was the fruit of an attachment so loyal and intense that it has already become a part of classic literary history.

When we turn to Walt Whitman we reach a loftier plane than even the highest we have yet gained. The author of "Leaves of Grass" substituted for what we commonly call friendship, the absorbing attachment for one elected spirit, or at most for a very restricted circle, which is based upon common tastes, interests, or affinities, - comradeship, a profound affection of man for man in virtue of his humanity, which recalls in its keenness and valour, while it surpasses in its universality, the hero-loves of the early Greeks. The most significant and original part of all his greatly misunderstood book - "the frailest leaves of me, and yet my strongest lasting"is really this, "the institution of the dear love of comrades." "Democracy infers such loving comradeship," wrote Whitman in "Democratic Vistas," "as its most inevitable twin or counterpart, without which it will be incomplete, in vain, and incapable of perpetuating itself." And who that knows anything of Whitman's biography need be reminded how splendidly the poet's creed was woven into the conduct of his life. He is not, like Emerson, merely "the friend and aider of those who would live in the spirit," he is rather, as both his life and writings show, the friend and comrade of all mankind. Side by side with him in this higher friendship (though perhaps not so fully emancipated from prejudices as Walt Whitman) stands Count Tolstoi, who demonstrates the honesty of his love for even the poorest and plainest of God's creatures by

sharing their hardships, and engaging in their toil. In this he is but carrying out the social doctrines of Christianity's founder, whose favourite title for himself was Son of Man, who said to his followers, "I have called you friends," and whose enemies could conceive nothing worse to accuse him of than the fact of his being a "friend of publicans and sinners."

It would, however, be unfair, since the world at best is only half-Christianized, to demand from the writers on friendship rigid consistency of conduct. We have seen that some of them represent in their own experience the highest type of this noble sentiment, while others do not. It may be that the lofty utterances of the latter class were born of a great longing to realize what their powerful intellects apprehended to be worthy of attainment, but which some curious lack in their natures forbade their reaching. The most shallow of sophisms is that which would exact of a great teacher that he practise what he preach. The lasting sermons are written as often out of the consciousness of partial or complete failure as out of the fulness of success. Accomplishment and satisfied happiness are frequently too busy for speech; it is the spur of longing for the ideal end which sometimes stimulates poet or philosopher to the utterance of his deepest oracles.

The following pages aim to collect in concise form as many as possible of the most noteworthy sayings on the theme of friendship. If the little

book strengthens even one human spirit in its aspiration after the ideal, if it contributes to the happiness of a single heart, it will not wholly have failed to realize the hopes cherished for it by the compiler.

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VALUE OF FRIENDSHIP

You're my friend—
What a thing friendship is, world without end!

Browning.

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True friendship is like sound health, the value of it is seldom known until it be lost.

C. C. Colton.

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The only way to have a friend, is to be one.

Emerson.

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A slender acquaintance with the world must convince every man that actions, not words, are the true criterion of the attachment of friends; and that the most liberal professions of goodwill are very far from being the surest marks of it.

George Washington.

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A real friend is one who will tell you of your faults and follies in prosperity, and assist you with his hand and heart in adversity.

Horace Smith.

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Be slow in choosing a friend, slower in changing.

Benjamin Franklin.

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I remember one of the first and best men whom I have ever known, after he had lost a dear son by death. "Every one," he said, "is so careful for me. Every one is so eager to do something to serve me. If I never knew what the worth of love was before, I know it now. For in the tender watchfulness of my friends, I live on angels' food."

Edward Everett Hale.

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A friend is a person with whom I may be sincere. Before him, I may think aloud.

Emerson.

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When two friends part, they should lock up each other's secrets and exchange keys.

Anon.

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There are two indispensable foundation qualities in every true friendship — mutual agreeableness and mutual confidence.

Katherine E. Conway.

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As to the value of other things, most men differ; concerning friendship all have the same opinion. What can be more foolish than, when men are possessed of great influence by their wealth, power, and resources, to procure other things which are bought by money—horses, slaves, rich apparel, costly vases—and not to procure friends, the most valuable and fairest furniture of life?

Cicero.

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There is after all something in those trifles that friends bestow upon each other which is an unfailing indication of the place the giver holds in the affections. I would believe that one who preserved a lock of my hair, a simple flower, or any trifle of my bestowing, loved me, though no show was made of it; while all the protestations in the world would not win my confidence in one who set no value on such little things.

Trifles they may be; but it is by such that character and disposition are oftenest revealed.

Washington Irving.

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Whatever the difficulties in the way of a wider reach of friendships, it does not seem reasonable that we should be so shut up to the small geographical limitations of our village or city, or "set." Why might not people seek out friends for their friends? There would be nothing odious about that sort of match-making. I know and love a man in California, for example, who is just suited to a man I know and love in Berlin. Why do I not bring them together?

Edward Rowland Sill.

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It is only the great-hearted who can be true friends; the mean and cowardly can never know what true friendship means.

Charles Kingsley.

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It is happiness to have some one "glad you are alive." No wonder that poor girls take their lives when they come to feel that not one face lights up because they are in the world, or would be shadowed if they left it. We who have the friends know how much of all earth's worth to us lies in certain eyes and faces, certain voices, certain hands. Fifty persons, or perhaps but five, make the wide world populous for us, and living in it beautiful.

W. C. Gannett.

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There is no man that imparteth his joys to his friend, but he joyeth the more; and no man that imparteth his griefs to his friend, but he grieveth the less.

Lord Bacon.

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Friendship is one of the largest factors of success not only in the social but also in the commercial and political worlds. Many a merchant is carried through a crisis by his friends when the strict laws of business would have dropped him into ruin. It was Lincoln's immeasurable capacity for friendship that made his splendid career possible.

T. T. Munger.

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It is now some years since the friends of a man who had worshipped here, and whom everybody loved who knew him, came to me as one of his friends, and asked me to suggest a line of inscription for his monument at Mt. Auburn. I wrote several such inscriptions, — quoting from one author and another words which seemed appropriate. But the unanimous decision of all of us who knew him, was that this line should be carved upon the stone: "This man had the art of making friends."

Edward Everett Hale.

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We never know the true value of friends. While they live, we are too sensitive of their faults; when we have lost them, we only see their virtues.

J. C. and A. W. Hare.

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Friendship is love for another because of what that other is in himself, or for that other's own sake, and not because of what that other is to the loving one. Friendship is love with the selfish element eliminated... Friendship, in short, is love apart from love's claim or love's craving.

H. Clay Trumbull.

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A true friend unbosoms freely, advises justly, assists readily, adventures boldly, takes all patiently, defends courageously, and continues a friend unchangeably... In short, choose a friend as thou dost a wife, till death separate you... Death cannot kill what never dies. Nor can spirits ever be divided that love and live in the same Divine Principle; the Root and Record of their friendship.... This is the comfort of friends, that though they may be said to die, yet their friendship and society are, in the best sense, ever present, because immortal.

William Penn.

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We can live without a brother, but not without a friend.

German Proverb.

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I hear it was charged against me that I sought to destroy institutions.

But really I am neither for nor against institutions,

(What indeed have I in common with them? or what with the destruction of them?)

Only I will establish in the Mannahatta and in every city of these States inland and seaboard,

And in the fields and woods, and above every keel little or large that dents the water,

Without edifices or rules or trustees or any argument,

The institution of the dear love of comrades.

Walt Whitman.

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There are plenty of acquaintances in the world, but very few real friends.

From the Chinese.

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Love is flower- like; Friendship is like a sheltering tree.

S. T. Coleridge.

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There is in friendship something of all relations and something above them all. It is the golden thread that ties the hearts of all the world.

Evelyn.

To make a new friend is like learning a new language. I myself have a friend who says that we have, each one of us, a chosen audience of our own to whom we turn instinctively, and before whom we rehearse that which is in our minds; whose opinion influences us, whose approval is our secret aim.

Anne Thackeray Ritchie.

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Most men make friends easily enough; few keep them. They do not give the subject the care, and thought, and trouble it requires and deserves. We want the pleasure of society without the duty. We would like to get the good of our friends, without burdening ourselves with any responsibility about keeping them friends.

Hugh Black.

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The man who prefers his dearest friend to the call of duty will soon show that he prefers himself to his dearest friend.

Frederick W. Robertson.

A true friend embraces our objects as his own. We feel another mind bent on the same end, enjoying it, ensuring it, reflecting it, and delighting in our devotion to it.

William Ellery Channing.

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It is one proof of a man's fitness for friendship that he is able to do without that which is cheap and passionate. A true friendship is as wise as it is tender.

Thoreau.

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How wondrous is a friend, the gift of neither Heaven nor earth, yet coveted of both! If the "archangels veil their faces," is not the sacred diffidence on this sweet behalf?

Emily Dickinson.

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When the first time of love is over, there comes a something better still. Then comes that other love; that faithful friendship which never changes, and which will accompany you with its calm light through the whole of life. It is only needful to place yourself so that it may come, and then it comes of itself. And then everything turns and changes itself to the best.

Fredrika Bremer.

Strange as it may sound, we are sometimes rather disposed to choose our friends from the unworthy than the worthy; for though it is difficult to love those whom we do not esteem, it is a greater difficulty to love those whom we esteem much more than ourselves. A perfect friendship requires equality, even in virtue.

Horace Smith.

Who would make friends must be friendly. Who would keep friends must never assume that their friendship is something due to him, but, feeling that he can hardly deserve so great a comfort, and fearing to lose it by offence or neglect, must safeguard and cultivate it by at least as much effort as he made in the first instance to win it.

Katherine E. Conway.

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If I had reaped no other benefit from Christ Hospital, the school would be ever dear to me from the recollection of the friendships I formed in it, and of the first heavenly taste it gave me of that most spiritual of the affections. . . . If ever I tasted a disembodied transport on earth, it was in those friendships which I entertained at school, before I dreamt of any maturer feeling.

Leigh Hunt.

Recorders ages hence,

Come, I will take you down underneath this impassive exterior, I will tell you what to say of me,

Publish my name and hang up my picture as that of the tenderest lover,

The friend the lover's portrait, of whom his friend his lover was fondest,

Who was not proud of his songs, but of the measureless ocean of love within him, and freely pour'd it forth,

Who often walk'd lonesome walks thinking of his dear friends, his lovers,

Who pensive away from one he lov'd often lay sleepless and dissatisfied at night,

Who knew too well the sick, sick dread lest the one he lov'd might secretly be indifferent to him,

Whose happiest days were far away through fields, in woods, on hills, he and another wandering hand in hand, they twain apart from other men.

Who oft as he saunter'd the streets curv'd with his arm the shoulder of his friend, while the arm of his friend rested upon him also.

Walt Whitman.

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Friendship, like the immortality of the soul, is too good to be believed.

Emerson.

I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new. Shall
I not call God, the Beautiful, who daily showeth
himself so to me in his gifts? I chide society,
I embrace solitude, and yet I am not so ungrateful as not to see the wise, the lovely, and
the noble-minded, as from time to time they
pass my gate. Who hears me, who understands
me, becomes mine—a possession for all time.

Emerson.

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The happiness of sympathetic human intercourse seems to me incomparably greater than any other pleasure. I may be supposed to have passed the age of enthusiastic illusions, yet I would at any time rather pass a week with a real friend in any place that afforded simple shelter than with an indifferent person in a palace.

Philip Gilbert Hamerton.

If trust is the first requisite for making a friend, faithfulness is the first requisite for keeping him.

Hugh Black.

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If you would keep your friend, approach him with a telescope, never with the microscope.

Anon.

Once in an age, God sends to some of us a friend who loves in us, not a false-imagining, an unreal character, but, looking through the rubbish of our imperfections, loves in us the divine ideal of our nature,—loves, not the man that we are, but the angel that we may be. Such friends seem inspired by the divine gift of prophecy—like the mother of St. Augustine, who, in the midst of the wayward, reckless youth of her son, beheld him in a vision standing clothed in white, a ministering priest at the right hand of God, as he has stood for long ages since.

H. B. Stowe.

Friendship is at most but half "made,"—the other half is born. What we can chiefly "choose" and "make" is, not the friend, but opportunity for contact. When the contact happens, something higher than our will chooses for us. Fore-ordination then comes in. "Matches are made in heaven," and before the foundation of the world our friendships are arranged.

W. C. Gannett.

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After God, there is nothing, O my friend! so sweet as a friend.

Eugenie de Guerin.

Friends, though absent, are still present.

Cicero.

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We hear of people's seeking by public advertisement for a suitable partner in marriage, but who ever heard of any one's advertising for a friend? Yet why not? Every one, it is likely, has in mind some more or less vague ideal of the absolutely perfect comrade. May he not be supposed to exist somewhere, and to be in the habit of reading a daily newspaper or a monthly magazine? Go to! Let us seek him, then, by appropriate advertisement. Something in this wise would it run?

"WANTED, A FRIEND!... The applicant must be rather old, in order to be fitted to give advice—a limited amount of it—wisely; and at the same time rather young, in order to receive it in liberal quantity and in a meek frame of mind. He must be of medium height, intellectually, and in the enjoyment of robust spiritual health. A written guarantee must be given of freedom from all contagious defects of character!"

Edward Rowland Sill.

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You shall perceive how you Mistake my fortunes; I am wealthy in my friends.

Shakespeare.

To be only an admirer is not to be a friend of a human being. Human nature wants something more, and our perceptions are diseased when we dress up a human being in the attributes of divinity. He is our friend who loves more than admires us, and would aid us in our great work.

William Ellery Channing.

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To bury a friendship is a keener grief than to bury a friend.

Hugh Black

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Man is not equal to life. There is more to do than one can do alone, and an unfriended life will be poor and meagre. It is an old saying that "a friend is another himself." If, as a mere matter of strength and resource, I were to face life with the choice of either a fortune or friends, I would be wiser to choose the latter as more helpful.

T. T. Munger.

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Friendship heightens all our affections. We receive all the ardour of our friend in addition to our own. The communication of minds gives to each the fervour of each.

William Ellery Channing.

The friendships of men are vastly agreeable, but they are insecure. You know all the time that one friend will marry and put you to the door; a second accept a situation in China, and become no more to you than a name, a reminiscence, and an occasional crossed letter, very laborious to read; a third will take up with some religious crotchet and treat you to sour looks thenceforward. So, in one way or another, life forces men apart and breaks up the goodly fellowships for ever. The very flexibility and ease which make men's friendships so agreeable while they endure, make them the easier to destroy and forget.

Stevenson.

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It is essential to friendship that there be no labour to pass for more than we are, no effort, no anxiety to hide! If anything be concealed, the constant intercourse of friends will discover it, and one discovery will produce others. The idea that the heart has one secret fold extinguishes affection.

William Ellery Channing.

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True friendship between man and man is infinite and immortal.

Plato.

I sometimes hear my friends complain finely that I do not appreciate their fineness. I shall not tell them whether I do or not. As if they expected a vote of thanks for every fine thing which they uttered or did! Who knows but it was finely appreciated? It may be that your silence was the finer thing of the two. . . . In human intercourse the tragedy begins, not when there is misunderstanding about words, but when silence is not understood. Then there can never be an explanation.

Thoreau.

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Friendship is Love, without either flowers or veil.

J. C. and A. W. Hare.

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A friend

Welded into our life is more to us Than twice five thousand kinsmen, one in blood.

Euripides.

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So long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.

Robert Louis Stevenson.

Why should we desecrate noble and beautiful souls by intruding on them? Why insist on rash personal relations with your friend? Why go to his house, or know his mother and brother and sisters? Why be visited by him at your own? Are these things material to our covenant? Leave this touching and clawing. Let him be to me a spirit. A message, a thought, a sincerity, a glance from him I want, but not news, nor pottage. I can get politics, and chat, and neighbourly conveniences from cheaper companions. Should not the society of my friend be to me poetic, pure, universal, and great as nature itself?

Emerson.

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I must feel pride in my friend's accomplishments as if they were mine—wild, delicate, throbbing property in his virtues. I feel as warmly when he is praised as the lover when he hears applause of his engaged maiden.

Emerson.

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Worldly friendship is profuse in honeyed words, passionate endearments, commendations of beauty, while true friendship speaks a simple, honest language.

Francis de Sales.

Friendship is the only point in human affairs concerning the benefit of which all, with one voice, agree.

Cicero.

He who has many friends has no friend.

Aristotle.

I confidently expect a time when there will be seen, running like a half-hid warp through all the myriad audible and visible worldly interests of America, threads of manly friendship, fond and loving, pure and sweet, strong and lifelong, carried to degrees hitherto unknown—not only giving tone to individual character, and making it unprecedently emotional, muscular, heroic, and refined, but having deepest relations to general politics. I say Democracy infers such loving comradeship, as its most inevitable twin or counterpart, without which it will be incomplete, in vain, and incapable of perpetuating itself.

Walt Whitman.

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Lying on lower levels is but a trivial offence compared with civility and compliments on the level of friendship.

Thoreau.

If thou wouldst get a friend, prove him first, and be not hasty to credit him. For some man is a friend for his own occasion, and will not abide in the day of trouble.

Ecclesiasticus.

If men share false and vain things, their friendship will be false and vain; if that which is good and true, their friendship will be good and true.

Francis de Sales.

One ought never to speak of the faults of one's friends; it mutilates them; they can never be the same afterwards.

W. D. Howells.

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Friendship closes its eyes rather than see the moon eclipsed; while malice denies that it is ever at the full.

J. C. and A. W. Hare.

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Sudden friendships generally come to sudden True friendship is a plant of gradual growth, which needs for its perfection sun and air, watering and weeding.

Katherine E. Conway.

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

Robert South.

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To bring about this sane friendship between people who love each other, respect for each other's individuality is of course necessary; but such respect is, after all, an abstract thing, and cannot be cultivated in a moment. While waiting for it to struggle through our stony egotism, there is one thing we can do: we can vow that unless duty seriously and lovingly demands it, there should be no unasked criticism between people who love each other!

Think how it would make for peace if domestic criticism were forbidden at every breakfast-table. Think of our own happiness if our brothers and sisters will stop telling us unpleasant truths!—think of their happiness if we could refrain from enlightening them as to their dress, or manners, or beliefs.

Margaret Deland.

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Friendship is never established as an understood relation. Do you demand that I be less your friend that you may know it?

Thoreau.

In trying to preserve a friendship, there is one thing over which we must have a care, and that is, our letters to a friend. The mistakes and misunderstandings of personal intercourse can be corrected when the play of expression upon the features often speaks more accurately than words, but thoughts put in black and white may often fail to convey the idea intended, and even affection and sympathy may at times appear colourless through this medium, so it is wise for us to put all of the glow possible into our messages to one whom we love.

Mary R. Baldwin.

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Choose for your friend him that is wise and good, and secret and just, ingenious and honest, and in those things which have a latitude, use your own liberty.

Jeremy Taylor.

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In all holiest and most unselfish love, friendship is the purest element of the affection. No love in any relation of life can be at its best if the element of friendship be lacking. And no love can transcend, in its possibilities of noble and ennobling exaltation, a love that is pure friendship.

H. Clay Trumbull.

A reverse of fortune is a mighty sifter of friendship. So is distance. Go a little way out of town, and see how many people will take the trouble to come to see you. Well, we must be patient and forbearing. It is a question of intensity of need. Friendly relations depend upon vicinity amongst other things, and there are degrees; but the best kind of friendship has a way of bridging time and space for all that.

H. R. Haweis.

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Of course no true friend, no honourable person, allows herself to repeat, and hardly indeed to remember, the indiscreet revelations, the bursts of petulance and anger, the unfavourable comments on the absent or the out-of-hearing, which are poured into her ears in domestic, business, or social life day by day. She is a non-conductor between business associates and ordinary acquaintances, as well as between the estranged husband and wife.

Katherine E. Conway.

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Friendship hath the skill and observation of the best physician; the diligence and vigilance of the best nurse; and the tenderness and patience of the best mother.

Lord Clarendon.

Beyond all wealth, honour, or even health, is the attachment we form to noble souls; because to become one with the good, generous, and true is to become in a measure good, generous, and true ourselves.

Dr. Thomas Arnold.

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Old books, old wine, old nankin blue,
All things, in short, to which belong
The charm, the grace that Time makes
strong—

All these I prize, but (entre nous)
Old friends are best.

Austin Dobson.

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Something like home that is not home is to be desired; it is found in the house of a friend.

Sir W. Temple.

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My friends are my estate. Forgive me then the avarice to hoard them! They tell me those who were poor early have different views of gold. I don't know how that is. God is not so wary as we, else He would give us no friends, lest we forget Him! The charms of the heaven in the bush are superseded, I fear, by the heaven in the hand occasionally.

Emily Dickinson.

The only rose without thorns is friendship.

Mile, de Scuderi.

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Oh! my beloved Socrates, let me entreat you once more to take my advice and escape. For if you die I shall not only lose a friend who can never be replaced, but there is another evil; people who do not know you and me will believe that I might have saved you if I had been willing to give money, but that I did not care. Now, can there be a worse disgrace than this—that I should be thought to value money more than the life of a friend? For the many will not be persuaded that I wanted you to escape, and that you refused.

Plato.

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As friendship must be founded on mutual esteem, it cannot long exist among the vicious.

Horace Smith.

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Friendship is steady and peaceful; not much jealousy, and no heartburnings. It strengthens with time, and survives the smallpox and a wooden leg. It doubles our joys, divides our griefs, and warms our lives with a steady flame.

Charles Reade.

In the hour of distress and misery the eye of every mortal turns to friendship; in the hour of gladness and conviviality, what is our want? It is friendship. When the heart overflows with gratitude, or with any other sweet and sacred sentiment, what is the word to which it would give utterance? A friend.

Walter S. Landor.

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We lose friends by disuse. The wise man says, "He that hath friends must show himself friendly;" and Doctor Johnson used to say, "Keep your friendships in repair." If you would keep your friend, don't lose sight of him too long. Write when you can, remind him of yourself, and you shall not lose the thread of his life.

H. R. Haweis.

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Favours, and especially pecuniary ones, are generally fatal to friendship; for our pride will ever prompt us to lower the value of the gift by diminishing that of the donor. Ingratitude is an effort to recover our own esteem by getting rid of our esteem for our benefactor, whom we look upon as a sort of tooth-drawer, that has cured us of one pain by inflicting another.

Horace Smith.

No friendship is so cordial or so delicious as that of girl for girl; no hatred so intense and immovable as that of woman for woman.

Walter Savage Landor.

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We follow Jesus in and out of homes; children cluster about his feet; women love him; a dozen men leave net and plough to bind to his their fortunes, and others go forth by twos, not ones, to imitate him. "Friend of publicans and sinners" was his title with those who loved him not. Across the centuries we like and trust him all the more because he was a man of many friends.

William C. Gannett.

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The language of friendship is not words, but meanings. It is an intelligence above language.

Thoreau.

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False friendship turns to evil desires, upbraidings, slander, deceit, sorrow, confusion and jealousies; but pure friendship is always the same, modest, courteous and loving, knowing no change save an increasingly pure and perfect union.

Francis de Sales.

The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, Grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel.

Shakespeare.

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There seemed for Gleim, the German poet, to be no extinction in friendship when the friend was no more; and he had invented a singular mode of gratifying his feelings of literary friendship. The visitor found the old man in a room of which the wainscot was panelled, as we still see among us in ancient houses. In every panel Gleim had inserted the portrait of a friend, and the apartment was crowded. "You see," said the gray-haired poet, "that I have never lost a friend, and am sitting always among them."

Isaac Disraeli.

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Some friendships are made by nature, some by contract, some by interest, and some by souls.

Jeremy Taylor.

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Friendship by its very nature consists in loving, rather than in being loved. In other words, friendship consists in being a friend, not in having a friend.

H. Clay Trumbull.

True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity, before it is entitled to the appellation.

George Washington:

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He has the substance of all bliss
To whom a virtuous friend is given:
So sweet harmonious friendship is,
Add but eternity, you'll make it heaven.

John Norris.

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A true friend will appear such in leaving us to act according to our intimate conviction,—will cherish this nobleness of sentiment, will never wish to substitute his power for our own.

William Ellery Channing.

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The father keeps the boy his son by making him, when young, his friend. As the years run by, the sister keeps the brother, the brother keeps the sister, in love, less by the blood-tie than by the words and works and trusts of friendship. And in the marriage itself the early love must ripen into close, abiding, inmost friendship. The happiest marriages take place gradually, and go on deepening all through the life together.

W. C. Gannett.

The tide of friendship does not rise high on the banks of perfection. Amiable weaknesses and shortcomings are the food of love. It is from the roughnesses and imperfect breaks in a man that you are able to lay hold of him. My friend is not perfect,—no more am I,—and so we suit each other admirably.

Alexander Smith.

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My friend is that one whom I can associate with my choicest thought.

Thoreau.

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For quick depth of sympathy, intuitive divination, joyous sacrifice, perfect reproduction of all the modulations of feeling, there is no friendship equal to that of a woman.

William R. Alger.

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I mentioned my expectations from the interest of an eminent person then in power; adding, "but I have no claim but the claim of friendship; however, some people will go a great way for that motive."

Johnson. "Sir, they will go all the way for that motive."

Boswell.

If we choose our friends for what they are, not for what they have, and if we deserve so great a blessing; then they will be always with us, preserved in absence, and even after death, in the "amber of memory."

Sir John Lubbock.

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I would not live without the love of my friends.

John Keats.

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There are three friendships which are advantageous, and three which are injurious. Friendship with the upright; friendship with the sincere; and friendship with the man of observation: these are advantageous. Friendship with the man of specious airs; friendship with the insinuatingly soft; and friendship with the glib-tongued: these are injurious.

Confucius.

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I know I love my friends—I feel it far in here where neither blue nor black eye goes, and fingers cannot reach. I know 'tis love for them that sets the blister in my throat, many a time a day, when winds go sweeter than their wont, or a different cloud puts my brain from home.

Emily Dickinson.

The savage man Friday, in the great story, becomes a man,—he is a different creature, after he wins the friendship of Robinson Crusoe.

Edward Everett Hale.

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Sincerity, truth, faithfulness, come into the very essence of friendship.

William Ellery Channing.

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Be admonished not to strike leagues of friendship with cheap persons, where no friendship can be.

Emerson.

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Our friendships hurry to short and poor conclusions, because we have made them a texture of wine and dreams, instead of the tough fibre of the human heart. The laws of friendship are great, austere, and eternal, of one web with the laws of nature and of morals. But we have aimed at a swift and petty benefit, to suck a sudden sweetness. We snatch at the slowest fruit in the whole garden of God, which many summers and many winters must ripen. We seek our friend not sacredly but with an adulterate passion which would appropriate him to ourselves.

Emerson.

It is a good thing to be rich, and a good thing to be strong, but it is a better thing to be beloved of many friends.

Euripides.

Be true to thy friend. Never speak of his faults to another, to show thy own discrimination; but open them all to him, with candour and true gentleness. Forgive all his errors and his sins, be they ever so many; but do not excuse the slightest deviation from rectitude. Never forbear to dissent from a false opinion, or a wrong practice, from mistaken motives of kindness; nor seek thus to have thy own weaknesses sustained; for these things cannot be done without injury to the soul.

Lydia Maria Child.

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Friendship is usually treated by the majority of mankind as a tough and everlasting thing which will survive all manner of bad treatment. But this is an exceedingly great and foolish error; it may die in an hour of a single unwise word.

Ouida.

Have no friends not equal to yourself.

Confucius.

Friends should not be chosen to flatter. The quality we should prize is that rectitude which will shrink from no truth. Intimacies, which increase vanity, destroy friendship.

William Ellery Channing.

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A beloved friend does not fill one part of the soul, but, penetrating the whole, becomes connected with all feeling.

William Ellery Channing.

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Impatient and uncertain lovers think that they must say or do something kind whenever they meet; they must never be cold. But they who are friends do not do what they think they must, but what they must. Even their friendship is, in one sense, a sublime phenomenon to them.

Thoreau.

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Pure friendship is something which men of an inferior nature can never taste.

La Bruyère.

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It is one of the wretchednesses of the great that they have no approved friends. Kings are the most solitary beings on earth.

William Ellery Channing.

Mere earthly friendships are not wont to last, their origin being so frail that the slightest contradiction chills and blights them; a change which cannot come over those friendships which are built up in God, and are consequently solid and enduring.

Francis de Sales.

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I love my friend before myself, and yet methinks I do not love him enough; some few months hence my multiplied affection will make me believe I have not loved him at all. When I am from him, I am dead till I be with him; when I am with him, I am not satisfied, but would still be nearer him.

Sir Thomas Browne.

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The good man has the same relation to his friend as he has to himself.

Aristotle.

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The friendship which arises from contraries is horrible and coarse, and has often no tie of communion; but that which arises from likeness is gentle, and has a tie of communion, which lasts through life.

Plato.

Make friends early in life, else you will never have them. . . . It is only in the first third of our threescore and ten that lifelong friends are made. Agreeable associations may be formed later, and now and then a friendship when there is great congeniality and freshness of spirit; but friendship is a union and a mingling, a shaping of plastic substances to each other that cannot be effected after the mould of life has hardened. We may touch hereafter, but not mingle.

T. T. Munger.

That friendship where men's affections are cemented by an equal love of goodness, neither hope, nor fear, nor any private interest can ever dissolve it, but we carry it with us to our graves, and lay down our lives for it with satisfaction.

Seneca.

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Because friendship is that by which the world is most blessed and receives most good, it ought to be chosen amongst the worthiest persons; that is, amongst those that can do greatest benefit to each other.

Jeremy Taylor.

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To friendship every burden's light.

Gay.

Our English word "friend," in its Anglo-Saxon form, is freend,—"one who loves." Etymologically the words "friend" and "lover" are synonymous, as are the words "love" and "friendship."

H. C. Trumbull.

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There are cases where men are so self-absorbed, so self-centred, that they take the friend-ship of others, their kindly thoughts and friendly deeds, without return. They classify themselves among the ungrateful men. Well! was this a matter of bargain? Did you give so much love, that so much more might be paid back to you? No, indeed! It was into the common stock that you paid. It was not this man, one little partner, who was to repay you. It was the good God's work you were carrying forward, not merely A's life, or B's. Be sure, then, that you have not failed.

Edward Everett Hale.

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I cannot contentedly frame a prayer for myself in particular, without a catalogue for my friends; nor request a happiness, wherein my sociable disposition doth not desire the fellowship of my neighbour.

Sir Thomas Browne.

Convey thy love to thy friend, as an arrow to the mark, to stick there; not as a ball against the wall to rebound back to thee.

Francis Quarles.

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A friend is he who sets his heart upon us, is happy in us, and delights in us,—does for us what we want, is willing and fully engaged to do all he can for us, on whom we can rely in all cases.

William Ellery Channing.

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Fate, which has ordained that there shall be no friendship among the evil, has also ordained that there shall ever be friendship among the good.

Plato.

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How were friendship possible? In mutual devotedness to the Good and True: otherwise impossible, except as armed neutrality or hollow commercial league. A man, be the heavens ever praised, is sufficient for himself; yet were ten men, united in love, capable of being and of doing what ten thousand singly would fail in. Infinite is the help man can yield to man.

Thomas Carlyle.

What room can there be for friendship, or who can be a friend to any one whom he does not love for his own sake? And what is loving, from which verb (amo) the very name of friendship (amicitia) is derived, but wishing a certain person to enjoy the greatest possible good fortune, even if none of it accrues to one's self?

Cicero.

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In the choice of a dog or of a horse, we exercise the greatest care: we inquire into its pedigree, its training and character, and yet we too often leave the selection of our friends, which is of infinitely greater importance,—by whom our whole life will be more or less influenced either for good or evil,—almost to chance.

Sir John Lubbock.

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We want one or two companions of intelligence, probity, and grace, to wear out life with; persons by whom we can measure ourselves, and who shall hold us fast to good sense and virtue.

Emerson.

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Friendship that flows from the heart cannot be frozen by adversity, as the water that flows from the spring cannot congeal in winter.

J. Fenimore Cooper.

The books for young people say a great deal about the selection of friends; it is because they really have nothing to say about friends. They mean associates and confidents merely.... Friendship takes place between those who have an affinity for one another, and is a perfectly natural and inevitable result. No professions nor advances will avail.

Thoreau.

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There is nothing so important as the choice of friendship; for it both reflects character and affects it. A man is known by the company he keeps. This is an infallible test, for his thoughts, and desires, and ambitions, and loves, are revealed here. He gravitates naturally to his congenial sphere. And it affects character, for it is the atmosphere he breathes. It enters his blood, and makes the circuit of his veins. "All love assimilates to what it loves." A man is moulded into likeness of the lives that come nearest him.

Hugh Black.

A good man is the best friend, and therefore soonest to be chosen, longer to be retained; and indeed never to be parted with, unless he cease to be that for which he was chosen.

Jeremy Taylor.

They seem to take away the sun from the world who withdraw friendship from life; for we have received nothing better from the immortal gods, nothing more delightful.

Cicero.

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The finest feature of Rudyard Kipling's work, and it is a constant feature of it, is the comradeship between commonplace soldiers of no high moral or spiritual attainment, and yet it is the strongest force in their lives, and on occasion makes heroes of them. We feel that their faithfulness to each other is almost the only point at which their souls are reached. The threefold cord of his soldiers, vulgar in mind and common in thought as they are, is a cord which we feel is not easily broken, and it is their friendship and loyalty to each other which save them from utter vulgarity. In Walt Whitman there is the same insight into the force of friendship in ordinary life, with added wonder at the miracle of it. He is the poet of comrades, and sings the song of companionship more than any other theme.

Hugh Black.

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A faithful friend is the medicine of life.

Ecclesiasticus.

Between two by nature alike and fitted to sympathize, there is no veil, and there can be no obstacle. Who are the estranged? Two friends explaining.

Thoreau.

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I have no faith in the miserable notions that the poor are friendless because they are poor, and that friends desert on the approach of poverty. Poverty may winnow the false from the true, but it does not destroy the wheat. . . . Let one offer to the world a large, generous, true, sympathetic nature, and, rich or poor, he will have friends, and he will never be friendless whatever catastrophes befall him.

T. T. Munger.

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A fashionable friend is one who will dine with you, game with you, walk or ride out with you, borrow money of you, escort your wife to public places—if she be handsome, stand by and see you fairly shot, if you happen to be engaged in a duel, and slink away and see you fairly clapped in a prison, if you experience a reverse of fortune. Such a man is like the shadow of the sundial, which appears in fine weather, and vanishes when there comes a rainy day.

Horace Smith.

Cultivate the friendly spirit. If one would have friends he must be worthy of them. The bright plumage and the songs of birds are designed to win their mates. It is in vain for one to say, I want friends; I will go seek them. Go within rather, and establish yourself in friendly sympathy with your fellow men; learn to love; get the helpful spirit, and above all the responsive temper, and friends will come to you as birds fly to their beautiful singing mates.

T. T. Munger.

Friendship is infinitely better than kindness.

Cicero.

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Friend is a word of royal tone; Friend is a poem all alone.

From the Persian.

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Friendship, one soul in two bodies.

Pythagoras.

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Is there anything in the world to be reputed (I will not say compared) to friendship? Can any treasure in this transitory pilgrimage be of more value than a friend?

Lyly.

A LOST FRIEND

My friend he was; my friend from all the rest; With childlike faith he oped to me his breast. No door was locked on altar, grave, or grief; No weakness veiled, concealed no disbelief; The hope, the sorrow, and the wrong were bare, And ah, the shadow only showed the fair.

I gave him love for love; but, deep within, I magnified each frailty into sin; Each hill-topped foible in the sunset glowed, Obscuring vales where rivered virtues flowed. Reproof became reproach, till common grew The captious word at every fault I knew. He smiled upon the censorship, and bore With patient love the touch that wounded sore; Until at length, so had my blindness grown, He knew I judged him by his faults alone.

Alone, of all men, I, who knew him best,
Refused the gold, to take the dross for test!
Cold strangers honoured for the worth they saw;
His friend forgot the diamond in the flaw.
At last it came—the day he stood apart,
When from my eyes he proudly veiled his heart;
When carping judgment and uncertain word
A stern resentment in his bosom stirred;
When in his face I read what I had been
And with his vision saw what he had seen.

Too late! Too late! Oh, could he then have known,

When his love died, that mine had perfect grown; That when the veil was drawn, abased, chastised, The censor stood, the lost one truly prized.

Too late we learn—a man must hold his friend Unjudged, accepted, trusted to the end.

John Boyle O'Reilly.

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It is a mere and miserable solitude to want true friends, without which the world is but a wilderness; and even in this scene also of solitude, whosoever in the frame of his nature and affections is unfit for friendship, he taketh it of the beast, and not from humanity. A principal fruit of friendship is the ease and discharge of the fulness of the heart, which passions of all kinds do cause and induce. We know diseases of stoppings and suffocations are the most dangerous in the body; and it is not much otherwise in the mind: you may take sarza to open the liver, steel to open the spleen, flower of sulphur for the lungs, castoreum for the brain; but no recipe openeth the heart but a true friend to whom you may impart griefs, joys, fears, hopes, suspicions, counsels, and whatsoever lieth upon the heart to oppress it.

Bacon.

We just shake hands at meeting
With many that come nigh;
We nod the head in greeting
To many that go by,—
But welcome through the gateway
Our few old friends and true;
Then hearts leap up, and straightway
There's open house for you,
Old friends,
There's open house for you!

Gerald Massey.

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The mind never unbends itself so agreeably as in the conversation of a well-chosen friend. There is indeed no blessing of life that is any way comparable to the enjoyment of a discreet and virtuous friend. It eases and unloads the mind, clears and improves the understanding, engenders thoughts and knowledge, animates virtue and good resolutions, soothes and allays the passions, and finds employment for most of the vacant hours of life.

Addison.

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Friendship, peculiar boon of heaven,
The noble mind's delight and pride,
To men and angels only given,
To all the lower world denied.

Samuel Johnson.

Friendship is a wide portal, and sometimes admits love.

Anna Katherine Green.

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The attempt to make one false impression on the mind of a friend respecting ourselves is of the nature of perfidy.

William Ellery Channing.

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Harmony of aim, not identity of conclusion, is the secret of the sympathetic life.

John Morley.

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The essence of friendship is entireness, a total magnanimity and trust.

Emerson.

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Don't flatter yourselves that friendship authorizes you to say disagreeable things to your intimates. On the contrary, the nearer you come into a relation with a person, the more necessary do tact and courtesy become. Except in cases of necessity, which are rare, leave your friend to learn unpleasant truths from his enemies; they are ready enough to tell them.

O. W. Holmes.

Defend me from my friends; I can defend myself from my enemies.

Assigned to Marshal Villars.

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Think of the importance of friendship in the education of men. It will make a man honest; it will make him a hero; it will make him a saint. It is the state of the just dealing with the just, the magnanimous with the magnanimous, the sincere with the sincere, man with man.

Thoreau.

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We grow by love. It is said, why live for others? But others are our nutriment.

William Ellery Channing.

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Of all felicities, the most charming is that of a firm and gentle friendship. It sweetens all our cares, dispels our sorrows, and counsels us in all extremities. Nay, if there were no other comfort in it than the bare exercise of so generous a virtue, even for that single reason a man would not be without it; it is a sovereign antidote against all calamities—even against the fear of death itself.

Seneca.

A friend shares my sorrow and makes it but a moiety; but he swells my joy and makes it double.

Jeremy Taylor.

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A friend may be often found and lost, but an old friend can never be found, and nature has provided that he cannot easily be lost.

Samuel Johnson.

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True friends have no solitary joy or sorrow.

William Ellery Channing.

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'Tis sweet, as year by year we lose Friends out of sight, in faith to muse How grows in Paradise our store.

Keble.

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There are no rules for friendship. It must be left to itself. We cannot force it any more than love.

Hazlitt.

Our friends see the best in us, and by that very fact call forth the best from us.

Hugh Black.

Old friends are the great blessing of one's later years. Half a word conveys one's meaning. They have a memory of the same events, and have the same mode of thinking. I have young relations that may grow upon me, for my nature is affectionate, but can they grow old friends?

Horace Walpole.

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A friend is most a friend of whom the best remains to learn.

Lucy Larcom.

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If a man does not make new friendships as he advances through life, he will soon find himself left alone. A man should keep his friendships in constant repair.

Samuel Johnson.

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Even the utmost good-will 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,—neighbours are kind enough for that,—but to do the like office to our spirits. For this, few are rich enough, however well disposed they may be.

Thoreau.

Friendship is a word, the very sight of which in print makes the heart warm.

Augustine Birrell.

To cast away a virtuous friend I call as bad as to cast away one's own life, which one loves best.

Sophocles.

A friend whom you have been gaining during your whole life, you ought not to be displeased with in a moment. A stone is many years becoming a ruby; take care that you do not destroy it in an instant against another stone.

Saadi.

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It has seemed to me lately more possible than I knew, to carry a friendship greatly, on one side, without due correspondence on the other. Why should I cumber myself with the poor fact that the receiver is not capacious? It never troubles the sun that some of his rays fall wide and vain into ungrateful space, and only a small part on the reflecting planet. . . . It is thought a disgrace to love unrequited. But the great will see that true love cannot be unrequited.

Emerson.

Two persons will not be friends long if they cannot forgive each other's little failings.

La Bruyère.

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We can never replace a friend. When a man is fortunate enough to have several, he finds that they are all different; no one has a double in friendship.

Schiller.

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The comfort of having a friend may be taken away, but not that of having had one.

Seneca.

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Friendship is that by which the world is most blessed and receives most good.

Jeremy Taylor.

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I have felt this blessing of being able to respond to new friendships very strongly lately, for I have lost many old and valued connections during this trying spring. I thank God far more earnestly for such blessings than for my daily bread, for friendship is the bread of the heart.

Mary Russell Mitford.

I hope I do not break the fifth commandment, if I conceive I may love my friend before the dearest of my blood—even those to whom I owe the principle of life. I never yet cast a true affection on a woman, but I have loved my friend as I do virtue, my soul, and my God. From hence, methinks, I do conceive how God loves man; what happiness there is in the love of God.

Sir Thomas Browne.

Friendships begin with liking or gratitude — roots that can be pulled up.

George Eliot.

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Friendship should be surrounded with ceremonies and respects, and not crushed into corners. Friendship requires more time than poor busy men can usually command.

Emerson.

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It is equally impossible to forget our friends, and to make them answer to our ideal. When they say farewell, then indeed we begin to keep them company. How often we find ourselves turning our backs on our actual friends that we may go out and meet their ideal cousins!

Thoreau.

The more we love, the better we are, and the greater our friendships are, the dearer we are to God.

O O O Jeremy Taylor.

True, active, productive friendship consists in keeping equal pace in life, in the approval of my aims by my friend, while I approve his, and thus moving forwards together steadily, however much our way of thought and life may vary.

Goethe.

The dear Father (i. e. Francis de Sales) used often to rebuke me for my faults, saying "I expect you to be very grateful to me for this; it is the greatest proof I can give of my friendship, and I should be more sure of yours for me if you would do the like; but you are very lukewarm on this score; you are much too cautious. Real love goes boldly on, without hesitating so much about details. A surgeon who lets a man die from lack of firmness to probe his wound would be thought cruel rather than compassionate, and a sharp correction is sometimes as necessary for the soul's welfare as the knife for that of the diseased body."

Jean Pierre Camus.

He who has made friends, loyal and true,—
if they have been friends in various circumstances and lines of life,—may be sure that he
has partly succeeded in life and has not wholly
failed. It is not simply that he is happier because he has troops of friends around him, but he
has so much right to say that "He did the thing
that he was sent to do."

Edward Everett Hale.

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If a man should importune me to give a reason why I loved my friend, I find it could not otherwise be expressed than by the answer, "Because he was he; because I was I."

Montaigne.

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Much certainly of the happiness and purity of our lives depends on our making a wise choice of our companions and friends. Many people seem to trust in this matter to the chapter of accidents. It is well and right, indeed, to be courteous and considerate to every one with whom one is thrown in contact, but to choose them as real friends is another matter. . . . If our friends are badly chosen they will inevitably drag us down; if well they will raise us up.

Sir John Lubbock.

No such affront can be offered to a friend as a conscious good-will, a friendliness which is not a necessity of the friend's nature.

Thoreau.

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My only sketch, profile, of Heaven is a large blue sky, bluer and larger than the biggest I have seen in June, and in it are my friends all of them—every one of them—those who are with me now, and those who were "parted" as we walked, and "snatched up to Heaven."

Emily Dickinson.

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Hearts are linked to hearts by God. The friend on whose fidelity you can count, whose success in life flushes your cheek with honest satisfaction, whose triumphant career you have traced and read with a heart throbbing almost as if it were a thing alive, for whose honour you would answer as for your own; that friend, given to you by circumstances over which you have no control, was God's own gift.

F. W. Robertson.

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In love women exceed the generality of men, but in friendship we have infinitely the advantage.

La Bruyere.

We must, moreover, be as careful to keep friends as to make them. The affections should not be mere "tents of a night." Friendship gives no privilege to make ourselves disagreeable. Some people never seem to appreciate their friends till they have lost them.

Sir John Lubbock.

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To win and hold a friend we are compelled to keep ourselves at his ideal point, and in turn our love makes on him the same appeal. Each insists on his right in the other to an ideal. All around the circle of our best beloved it is this idealizing that gives to love its beauty and its pain and its mighty leverage on character.... "What is the secret of your life?" asked Mrs. Browning of Charles Kingsley; "tell me, that I may make mine beautiful too." He replied, "I had a friend."

W. C. Gannett.

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There are natures in which, if they love us, we are conscious of having a sort of baptism and consecration; they bind us over to rectitude and purity by their pure belief about us; and our sins become the worst kind of sacrilege, which tears down the invisible altar of trust.

George Eliot.

Life is to be fortified by many friendships. To love and to be loved is the greatest happiness of existence.

9 9 Sydney Smith.

The condition which high friendship demands is ability to do without it.

Emerson.

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No word is oftener on the lips of men than "friendship," and indeed no thought is more familiar to their aspirations. All men are dreaming of it, and its drama, which is always a tragedy, is enacted daily. It is the secret of the universe.'

Thoreau.

A friendship will be young after a lapse of a century. A passion is old at the end of three months.

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There is no folly equal to that of throwing away friendship in a world where friendship is so rare.

Edward Bulwer-Lytton.

In friendship we only see the faults which may be prejudicial to our friends. In love we see no faults, but those by which we suffer ourselves.

La Bruyère.

A friend is worth all hazards we can run.

Young.

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It is more dishonourable to distrust a friend than to be deceived by him.

La Rochefoucauld.

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Deliberate long before thou consecrate a friend; and when thy impartial judgment concludes him worthy of thy bosom receive him joyfully, and entertain him wisely; impart thy secrets boldly, and mingle thy thoughts with his; he is thy very self, and use him so. If thou firmly thinkest him faithful, thou makest him so.

Francis Quartes.

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Perhaps the most delightful friendships are those in which there is much agreement, much disputation, and yet more personal liking.

George Eliot.

It is one of the severest tests of friendship to tell your friend of his faults. If you are angry with a man, or hate him, it is not hard to go to him and stab him with words; but so to love a man that you cannot bear to see the stain of sin upon him, and to speak painful truth through loving words—that is friendship. But few have such friends. Our enemies usually teach us what we are, at the point of the sword.

Henry Ward Beecher.

It turns the stomach, it blots the daylight, where I look for a manly furtherance, or at least a manly resistance, to find a mush of concession. Better be a nettle in the side of your friend than his echo.

Emerson.

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When we have fallen through story after story of our vanity and aspiration, and sit rue-ful among the ruins, then it is that we begin to measure the stature of our friends; how they stand between us and our own contempt, believing in our best.

Robert Louis Stevenson.

Friendship is the shadow of the evening, which strengthens with the setting sun of life.

La Fontaine.

Not on the store of sprightly wine,
Nor plenty of delicious meats,
Though generous Nature did design
To court us with perpetual treats;
'Tis not on these we for content depend,
So much as on the shadow of a friend.

From the Greek of Menander.

The city's ways are not my ways, and never Shall I to its demands be reconciled;
I walk amid its roar and rumble, dreaming,
A cool and careful man in outward seeming,
But in my heart a lost and lonely child.

I wear a mask, as you do and as all do,
To hide what none has time to comprehend;
A mask of settled purpose and of daring,
To hide how very little I am caring
For anything but just to find a friend.

Frank Putnam.

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Friends are discovered rather than made; there are people who are in their own nature friends, only they don't know each other; but certain things, like poetry, music, and painting, are like the Freemason's sign,—they reveal the initiated to each other.

Mrs. H. B. Stowe.

Friendship is a strong and habitual inclination in two persons to promote the good and happiness of each other.

Joseph Addison.

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It is a noble and great thing to cover the blemishes and to excuse the failings of a friend; to draw a curtain before his stains, and to display his perfections; to bury his weaknesses in silence, but to proclaim his virtues upon the housetop.

Robert South.

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

Robert South.

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Friendship is a vase, which, when it is flawed by heat, or violence, or accident, may as well be broken at once; it never can be trusted after. The more graceful and ornamental it was, the more clearly do we discern the hopelessness of restoring it to its former state. Coarse stones, if they are fractured, may be cemented again; precious ones, never.

W. S. Landor.

Friendship is no plant of hasty growth, Though planted in esteem's deep-fixed soil, The gradual culture of kind intercourse Must bring it to perfection.

Joanna Baillie.

Friendship is made up of esteem and pleasure; pity is composed of sorrow and contempt: the mind may for some time fluctuate between them, but it can never entertain both at once.

Oliver Goldsmith.

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A female friend, amiable, clever, and devoted, is a possession more valuable than parks and palaces; and without such a muse few men can succeed in life, none be contented.

Lord Beaconsfield.

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True friends visit us in prosperity only when invited, but in adversity they come without invitation.

Theophrastus.

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Friendship always benefits, while love sometimes injures.

Seneca.

He who cannot feel friendship is alike incapable of love. Let a woman beware of the man who owns that he loves no one but herself.

Talleyrand.

There is nothing so great that I fear to do for my friend; nor nothing so small that I will disdain to do for him.

Sir Philip Sidney.

To be influenced by a passion for the same pursuits, and to have similar dislikes, is the rational groundwork of lasting friendship.

Sallust.

He who has made the acquisition of a judicious and sympathizing friend may be said to have doubled his mental resources.

Robert Hall.

Real friendship is a slow grower, and never thrives, unless engrafted upon a stock of known and reciprocal merit.

Lord Chesterfield.

"Who is a friend like me?" said the shadow to the body. "Do I not follow you wherever

you go? Sunlight or moonlight I never forsake you." "It is true," said the body; "you are with me in sunlight and moonlight, but where are you when neither sun nor moon shines upon me? The true friend abides with us in darkness."

Anon.

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When Socrates was building himself a house at Athens, being asked by one that observed the littleness of the design why a man so eminent would not have an abode more suitable to his dignity, he replied that he should think himself sufficiently accommodated if he could see that narrow habitation filled with real friends.

Samuel Johnson.

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Love led me to an unknown land and fain was I to go;

From peak to peak a weary way he lures me to and fro;

On narrow ledge and dizzy height he dares my wayworn feet —

I would that I were back again to walk Old Friendship Street.

It's there one knew the level road, the even grass-grown way;

- My brain grew never wildered there, my feet might never stray;
- But here I quarrel for the path with every soul
 I meet —
- I would that I were back again to walk Old Friendship Street.
- It's here I find no gracious hand to close within my own,
- But there one never raised a song to find he sang alone;
- And always at a neighbour's hearth were kindly glass and seat —
- I would that I were back again to walk Old Friendship Street.
- I'm sick of awful depths and heights, I'm sick of storm and strife;
- I'll let love lead for bolder folk and take my ease in life.
- I know whose voice will hail me first, whose welcoming be sweet —
- It's I am going back again to walk Old Friendship Street.

 Theodosia Garrison.

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- He who has a thousand friends has not a friend
- But he who has one enemy will meet him everywhere.

Oriental Proverb.

Alter? When the hills do.
Falter? When the sun
Question if his glory
Be the perfect one.

Surfeit? When the daffodil
Doth of the dew:
Even as herself, O friend!
I will of you!

Emily Dickinson.

SIT CLOSER, FRIENDS

Sit closer, friends, around the board!

Death grants us yet a little time.

Now let the cheering cup be poured,

And welcome song and jest and rhyme,

Enjoy the gifts that fortune sends,

Sit closer, friends!

And yet, we pause. With trembling lip
We strive the fitting phrase to make;
Remembering our fellowship,
Lamenting Destiny's mistake,
We marvel much when Fate offends
And claims our friends.

Companion of our nights of mirth,
When all were merry who were wise,
Does Death quite understand your worth,
And know the value of his prize?

I doubt me if he comprehends — He knows no friends.

And in that realm is there no joy
Of comrades and the jocund sense?
Can Death so utterly destroy—
For gladness grant no recompense?
And can it be that laughter ends,
With absent friends?

O scholars! whom we wisest call,
Who solve great questions at your ease,
We ask the simplest of them all,
And yet you cannot answer these!
And is it thus your knowledge ends,
To comfort friends?

Dear Omar, should You chance to meet
Our Brother Somewhere in the Gloom,
Pray give to Him a Message Sweet,
From Brothers in the Tavern Room.
He will not ask Who 'tis that sends,
For We were Friends.

Again a parting sail we see;
Another boat has left the shore,
A kinder soul on board has she
Than ever left the land before.
And as her outward course she bends,
Sit closer, friends!

Arthur Macy.

Come, I will make the continent indissoluble,
I will make the most splendid race the sun ever
shone upon,

I will make divine magnetic lands,
With the love of comrades,
With the life-long love of comrades.

- I will plant companionship thick as trees along all the rivers of America, and along the shores of the great lakes, and all over the prairies,
- I will make inseparable cities with their arms about each other's necks,

By the love of comrades,

By the manly love of comrades.

Walt Whitman.

Heraclitus saith well in one of his enigmas: "Dry light is ever the best." And certain it is, that the light that a man receiveth by counsel from another is drier and purer than that which cometh from his own understanding and judgment, which is ever infused and drenched in his affections and customs. So there is as much difference between the counsel that a friend giveth and that a man giveth himself, as there is between the counsel of a friend and of a flatterer. For there is no such flatterer as is a man's self; and there is no such remedy against flattery of a man's self as the liberty of a friend.

Bacon.

A friend should bear his friend's infirmities.

Shakespeare.

We are most of us very lonely in this world; you who have any who love you, cling to them and thank God.

W. M. Thackeray.

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A man can scarce allege his own merits with modesty, much less extol them; a man cannot sometimes brook to supplicate or beg; and a number of the like; but all these things are graceful in a friend's mouth which are blushing in a man's own.

Bacon.

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A friend you have to buy won't be worth what you pay for him.

George D. Prentice.

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Love took up the harp of life, and smote on all the chords with might;

Smote the chord of Self, that, trembling, pass'd in music out of sight.

Tennyson.

I believe the main purport of these States is to found a superb friendship.

Walt Whitman.

There is nothing which so allures and draws any object to itself as congeniality does friend-ship; it will, of course, be admitted as true that the good must love the good, and unite them to themselves, just as if connected by relationship and nature; for nothing is more apt to seek and seize on its like than nature. Wherefore this certainly is clear, that among the good a liking for the good is, as it were, inevitable; and this, indeed, is appointed by nature herself as the very fountain of friendship.

Cicero.

I am not changeable in friendship; and I think I can promise you you have a pair of trusty well-wishers and friends in Bournemouth: whether they write or not is but a small thing; the flag may not be waved, but it is there.

R. L. Stevenson's "Letters." (To J. A. Symonds, 1886.)

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God divided man into men that they might help each other.

Seneca.

Friends are true twins in soul; they sympathize in everything, and have the same love and aversion.

One is not happy without the other; nor can either of them be miserable alone. As if they

could change bodies, they take their turns in pain as well as in pleasure; relieving one another in their most adverse conditions.

What one enjoys, the other cannot want. Like the primitive Christians, they have all things in common, and no property, but in one another.

William Penn.

Friendship needs to be rooted in respect, but love can live upon itself alone.

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The tree withereth
Which stands in the courtyard
Without shelter of bark or of leaf.
So is a man
Destitute of friends.
Why should he live on?

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Let this, therefore, be established as a primary law concerning friendship, that we expect from our friends only what is honourable, and for our friends' sake do what is honourable; that we should not wait till we are asked; that zeal be ever ready, and reluctance far from us.

Cicero.

It is true that friendship often ends in love, but love in friendship never.

Caleb Colton.

I dream'd in a dream I saw a city invincible to the attacks of the whole of the rest of the earth, I dream'd that was the new city of Friends,

Nothing was greater there than the quality of robust love, it led the rest,

It was seen every hour in the actions of the men of that city,

And in all their looks and words.

Walt Whitman.

There can be no friendship where there is no freedom. Friendship loves a free air, and will not be penned up in straight and narrow enclosures. It will speak freely, and act so, too; and take nothing ill, where no ill is meant; nay, where it is, it will easily forgive, and forget, too, upon small acknowledgments.

William Penn.

True friendships are eternal.

Cicero.

There is this important difference between love and friendship: while the former delights in extremes and opposites, the latter demands equalities.

Mme. de Maintenon.

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In friendship there is nothing false, and nothing pretended; and whatever belongs to it is sincere and spontaneous. Wherefore, friendship

seems to me to have sprung rather from nature than from a sense of want, and more from an attachment of the mind with a certain feeling of affection, than from a calculation how much advantage it would afford.

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Cicero.

He who has ceased to enjoy his friend's superiority, has ceased to love him.

Madame Swetchine.

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Make not a Bosom Friend of a melancholy soul: he'll be sure to aggravate thy adversity, and lessen thy prosperity. He goes always heavy loaded; and thou must bear half. He's never in a good humour; and may easily get into a bad one, and fall out with thee.

Thomas Fuller.

The best way to represent to life the manifold use of friendship is to cast and see how many things there are which a man cannot do himself; and then it will appear that it was a sparing speech of the ancients to say "that a friend is another himself."

Bacon.

Purchase not friends by gifts; when thou ceasest to give, such will cease to love.

Thomas Fuller.

While friendship embraces very many and great advantages, she undoubtedly surpasses all in this, that she shines with a brilliant hope over the future, and never suffers the spirit to be weakened or to sink. Besides, he who looks on a true friend, looks, as it were, upon a kind of image of himself; wherefore, friends, though absent, are still present; though in poverty, they are rich; though weak, yet in the enjoyment of health; and, what is still more difficult to assert, though dead, they are alive; so entirely does the honour, the memory, the regret of friends attend them.



I am convinced that the extension and perfection of friendship will constitute great part of the future happiness of the blest. Many have lived in various and distant ages and countries, perfectly adapted (I mean not merely in their being generally estimable, but in the agreement of their tastes, and suitableness of their dispositions) for friendship with each other, but who, of course, could never meet in this world. . . . I should be sorry to think such a wish absurd and presumptuous, or unlikely to be gratified.

Richard Whately.

How few take pains for friendship! How few plan for it! It is treated as a haphazard, fortui-

tous thing. May good luck send us friends; we will not go after them. May favouring fortune bind our friendships; we will take no stitches ourselves. Review yesterday, and all your yesterdays. Did they open with any thought for friendship—its pursuit, its retention, its glorification? Yet friendship requires painstaking. No art is so difficult, no craft so arduous. Roll a ball of clay and expect it to become a rose in your hand, but never expect acquaintanceship, without care and thought, to blossom into friendship.

Amos R. Wells.

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Let friendship creep gently to a height; if it rush to it, it may soon run itself out of breath.

Thomas Fuller.

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A long novitiate of acquaintance should precede the vows of friendship.

Lord Bolingbroke.

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It may be worth noticing, as a curious circumstance, when persons past forty, before they were at all acquainted, form together a very close intimacy of friendship. For grafts of old wood to take, there must be a wonderful congeniality between the trees.

Richard Whately.

The covetous, the angry, the proud, the jealous, the talkative, cannot but make ill friends, as well as false.

William Penn.

The calling of a man's self to a strict account is a medicine sometimes too piercing and corrosive. Reading good books of morality is a little flat and dead. Observing our faults in others is sometimes improper for our case. But the best receipt (best, I say, to work, and best to take), is the admonition of a friend.

P P Bacon.

If a man urge me to tell wherefore I loved him, I feel it cannot be expressed but by answering, because it was he, because it was myself. There is, beyond all my discourse, and besides what I can particularly report of it, I know not what inexplicable and fatal power, a mean and mediatrix of this indissoluble union. We sought one another before we had seen one another, and by the reports we heard one of another which wrought a greater violence in us than the reason of reports may well bear; I think by some secret ordinance of the heavens we embraced one another by our names. And at our first meeting, which was by chance at a great feast and solemn meeting of a whole township, we found ourselves

so surprised, so known, so acquainted, and so combinedly bound together, that from thence-forward nothing was so near unto us as one unto another.

Montaigne.

One friend, writing when he had received the news of Stevenson's death, says: "So great was his power of winning love that, though I knew him for less than a week, I could have borne the loss of many a more intimate friend with less sorrow." One of the strongest impressions left on the mind by his biography and his letters is, that the landmarks and mile-stones of his life were the successive friendships which he formed.

John Kelman: "The Faith of R. L. Stevenson."

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If my brother, or kinsman, will be my friend, I ought to prefer him before a stranger; or I show little duty or nature to my parents.

And as we ought to prefer our kindred in point of affection, so, too, in point of charity, if equally needing and deserving.

William Penn.

Nobody has discovered the means by which a dead friendship can be resuscitated. To hope for that would be vain indeed, and idle the waste of thought in such a bootless quest.

Philip Gilbert Hamerton.

Death is but crossing the world, as friends do the seas; they live in one another still.

For they must needs be present, that love and live in that which is omnipresent.

In this divine glass, they see face to face; and their converse is free, as well as pure.

William Penn.

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Prosperity friendship renders more brilliant, and adversity more supportable, by dividing and communicating it.

Cicero.

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It is easy to say, "I am so sorry for you," but does your heart ache while you say it? It is easy to say, "I congratulate you," but does all the sky shine brighter for your friend's joy? Is his food meat to you?

Amos R. Wells.

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Love is a sudden blaze which soon decays, Friendship is like the sun's eternal rays.

John Gay.

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At school, friendship is a passion. It entrances the being; it tears the soul. All loves of afterlife can never bring its rapture, or its wretchedness; no bliss so absorbing, no pangs of jealousy

or despair so crushing and so keen! What tenderness and what devotion; what illimitable confidence, infinite revelations of inmost thoughts; what ecstatic present and romantic future; what bitter estrangements and what melting reconciliations; what scenes of wild recrimination, agitating explanations, passionate correspondence; what insane sensitiveness, and what frantic sensibility; what earthquakes of the heart, and whirlwinds of the soul are confined in that simple phrase, a schoolboy's friendship!

Beaconsfield: "Coningsby."

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Friendship is helpful—not so much because it helps you as because it compels you to help your friend. Selfishness is the foundation of sin, and friendship is the destruction of selfishness.

Amos R. Wells.

What can be more delightful than to have one to whom you can speak on all subjects just as to yourself? Where would be the great enjoyment in prosperity if you had not one to rejoice in it equally with yourself? And adversity would indeed be difficult to endure without some one who would bear it even with greater regret than yourself. In short, all other objects that are sought after are severally suited to some one single purpose; riches, that you may spend them; power,

that you may be courted; honours, that you may be extolled; pleasures, that you may enjoy them; good health, that you may be exempt from harm, and perform the functions of the body. Whereas friendship comprises the greatest number of objects possible; wherever you turn yourself, it is at hand; shut out of no place, never out of season, never irksome; and therefore we do not use fire and water, as they say, on more occasions than we do friendship.

Cicero.

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Give friendship, whether the object of your friendship becomes a friend or not. It is a most hindering error to suppose that two are required for a friendship. The most enriching friendships of all times have been lonely ones. Be you a friend.

Amos R. Wells.

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Although the great friendship of Tennyson's life was early severed and remained a perpetual sorrow, yet throughout his long life the poet was always surrounded by a circle of more than acquaintances and admirers. Friendships begun at college continued, friendships springing from like labours and enthusiasms strengthened, friendships slowly growing from exchange of thoughts and interchange of sympathies ripened and ma-

tured. Tennyson's soul went forth unto all that was worthy, and he was willing to accept voluntarily as a friend the man whose work was his recommendation.

J. Cuming Walters:
"Tennyson: Poet, Philosopher, Idealist."

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Friendship maketh indeed a fair day in the affections from storms and tempests; but it maketh daylight in the understanding, out of darkness and confusion of thoughts. Neither is this to be understood only of faithful counsel, which a man receiveth from his friend; but before you come to that, certain it is that whosoever hath his mind fraught with many thoughts, his wits and understanding do clarify and break up in the communicating and discoursing with another; he tosseth his thoughts more easily; he marshalleth them more orderly; he seeth how they look when they are turned into words. Finally, he waxeth wiser than himself, and that more by an hour's discourse than by a day's meditation.

Bacon.

It is the fashion to deride female friendship, to look with scorn on those who profess it. There is always to me a doubt of the warmth,

the strength, and purity of her feelings, when a girl merges into womanhood, looking down on female friendship as romance and folly.

Grace Aguilar.

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How few have courage for friendship! The daring that offers blame instead of the desired praise. The boldness that lays a healing finger upon the hurt. The faithfulness that adheres to faultfinding when one longs for occasion to commend. The loving strength that will even sacrifice friendship rather than be untrue to it.

Amos R. Wells.

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He who has once stood beside the grave to look back on the companionship which has been for ever closed, feeling how impotent then are the wild love and the keen sorrow, to give one instant's pleasure to the pulseless heart, or atone in the lowest measure to the departed spirit for the hour of unkindness, will scarcely for the future incur that debt to the heart which can only be discharged to the dust.

John Ruskin.

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Those that want friends to open themselves unto are cannibals of their own hearts.

Bacon.

So sure and large is this moral element in love that by it one can go far to "make" friends, after all. If we choose to be, we can be "wanted" in this world.

W. C. Gannett.

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Deliberate on all things with thy friend.
But, since friends grow not thick on every bough,
Nor every friend unrotten at the core;
First, on thy friend, deliberate with thyself;
Pause, ponder, sift; not eager in the choice,
Nor jealous of the chosen; fixing, fix.
Judge before friendship, then confide till death.

Young.

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The purest and most lasting human friendships are permeated with an element of reverence.

Austin Phelps.

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In this respect friendship is superior to relationship, because from relationship benevolence can be withdrawn, and from friendship it cannot; for with the withdrawal of benevolence the very name of friendship is done away, while that of relationship remains.

Cicero.

In friendship we see only those faults which may be prejudicial to our friends; while in love we discern no faults but those by which we ourselves suffer.

La Bruyère.

Large was his bounty, and his soul sincere,
Heaven did a recompense as largely send:
He gave to misery (all he had) a tear,
He gain'd from Heaven ('twas all he wish'd) a
friend.

Gray.

How sweet, how passing sweet, is solitude; But grant me still a friend in my retreat, Whom I may whisper—solitude is sweet.

Cowper.

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Friendship's the wine of life.

Young.

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I no more think I can have too many of your letters, than I could have too many writings to entitle me to the greatest estate in the world; which I think so valuable a friendship as yours is equal to.

Pope: "To Lady Montagu."

I count myself in nothing else so happy, As in a soul rememb'ring my good friends.

Shakespeare.

The surest bulwark against evil is that of friendship.

Cicero.

To God, thy country, and thy friend be true. 0 0 0

Vaughan.

Be true to your word and your work and your friend.

John Boyle O'Reilly.

Children know, Instinctive taught, the friend and foe.

Walter Scott.

Believing hear, what you deserve to hear: Your birthday, as my own, to me is dear. Blest and distinguish'd days! which we should prize

The first, the kindest, bounty of the skies. But yours gives most; for mine did only lend Me to the world, yours gave to me a friend.

Martial.

He makes no friend who never made a foe.

Tennyson.

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Green be the turf above thee,
Friend of my better days!
None knew thee but to love thee,
Nor named thee but to praise.

Fitz: Greene Halleck.

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I am certain that a more active friend has rarely been found in any age. This work, which I fondly hope will rescue his [Johnson's] memory from obloquy, contains a thousand instances of his benevolent exertions in almost every way that can be conceived; and particularly in employing his pen with a generous readiness for those to whom its aid could be useful. Indeed, his obliging activity in doing little offices of kindness, both by letters and personal application, was one of the most remarkable features in his character.

Boswell.

Whatever is founded on mere carnal love, vanity or frivolity, on such attractions as are purely external, a sweet voice, personal beauty, superficial cleverness or outward show, is unworthy to be called friendship.

Francis de Sales.

I exhort you to lay the foundations of virtue, without which friendship cannot exist, in such a manner that, with this one exception, you may consider that nothing in the world is more excellent than friendship.

Cicero.

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Reprove your friends in secret, praise them openly.

Publius Syrus.

"Wal'r, my boy," replied the captain, "in the Proverbs of Solomon you will find the following words, 'May we never want a friend in need, nor a bottle to give him!' When found, make a note of."

Dickens: "Dombey and Son."

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This perfect amity I speak of is indivisible; each man doth so wholly give himself unto his friend, that he hath nothing left him to divide elsewhere; moreover, he is grieved that he is not double, triple, or quadruple, and hath not many souls, or sundry wills, that he might confer them all upon this subject. Common friendships may be divided; a man may love beauty in one, facility of behaviour in another, liberality in one, and

wisdom in another, paternity in this, fraternity in that man, and so forth; but this amity which possesseth the soul, and sways it in all sovereignty, it is impossible it should be double. If two at one instant should require help, to which would you run? Should they crave contrary offices of you, what order would you follow? Should one commit a matter to your silence, which, if the other knew, would greatly profit him, what course would you take? Or how would you discharge yourself? A singular and principal friendship dissolveth all other duties, and freeth all other obligations. The secret I have sworn not to reveal to another, I may, without perjury, impart it unto him who is no other but myself. It is a great and strange wonder for a man to double himself; and those that talk of tripling know not nor cannot reach unto the height of it.

Montaigne.

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The highest compact we can make with our fellow, is,—Let there be truth between us two forevermore. . . . It is sublime to feel and say of another, I need never meet, or speak, or write to him; we need not reinforce ourselves, or send tokens of remembrance; I rely on him as on myself; if he did thus or thus, I know it was right.

Emerson.

Whatever the number of a man's friends, there will be times in his life when he has one too few; but if he has only one enemy, he is lucky, indeed, if he has not one too many.

Bulwer-Lytton.

Since human affairs are frail and fleeting, some persons must ever be sought for whom we may love, and by whom we may be loved; for when affection and kind feeling are done away with, all cheerfulness likewise is banished from existence.

Cicero.

A true friend is for ever a friend.

George MacDonald.

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A friend must not be injured even in jest.

Publius Syrus.

Friendship! mysterious cement of the soul! Sweet'ner of life! and solder of society!

Blair: "The Grave."

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He who is his own friend is a friend to all men.

Seneca.

There is no greater bane to friendship than adulation, fawning, and flattery. For this vice should be branded under as many names as possible, being that of worthless and designing men, who say everything with a view of pleasing, and nothing with regard to truth. Now while hypocrisy in all things is blamable (for it does away with all judgment of truth, and adulterates truth itself), so especially is it repugnant to friendship, for it destroys all truth, without which the name of friendship can avail nothing.

Cicero.

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When to the sessions of sweet silent thought I summon up remembrance of things past, I sigh the lack of many a thing I sought, And with old woes new wail my dear time's waste; Then can I drown an eye unused to flow, For precious friends hid in death's dateless night, And weep afresh love's long-since cancelled woe, And moan the expense of many a vanished sight: Then can I grieve at grievances foregone, And heavily from woe to woe tell o'er The sad account of fore-bemoaned moan, Which I new pay as if not paid before. But if the while I think on thee, dear friend, All losses are restored and sorrows end.

Shakespeare.

Ancient Menander accounted him happy that had but met the shadow of a true friend; verily he had reason to say so, especially if he had tasted of any; for truly, if I compare all the rest of my forepassed life, which, although I have, by the mere mercy of God, passed at rest and ease, and except the loss of so dear a friend, free from all grievous affliction, with an ever quietness of mind, as one that have taken my natural and original commodities in good payment, without searching any others; if, as I say, I compare it all unto the four years I so happily enjoyed the sweet company and most dear society of that worthy man, it is nought but a vapour, nought but a dark and irksome light.

I do but languish, I do but sorrow; and even those pleasures all things present me with, instead of yielding me comfort, do but redouble the grief of his loss. We were co-partners in all things. All things were with us at half; methinks I have stolen his part from him. I was so accustomed to be ever two, and so inured to be never single, that methinks I am but half myself.

Montaigne.



It is a thing almost impracticable to have all men your friends; it is enough if you have no enemies.

Seneca.

I wish that when you died last May,
Charles, there had died along with you
Three parts of Spring's delightful things;
Ay, and for me the fourth part too.

A foolish thought, and worse, perhaps!

There must be many a pair of friends

Who, arm in arm, deserve the warm

Moon-births and the long evening-ends.

So, for their sake, be May still May!

Let their new time, as mine of old,

Do all it did for me; I bid

Sweet sights and sounds throng manifold.

Only one little sight, one plant
Woods have in May, that starts up green
Save a sole streak which, so to speak,
Is Spring's blood, spilt its leaves between —

That, they might spare; a certain wood
Might miss the plant; their loss were small;
But I — whene'er the leaf grows there —
Its drop comes from my heart, that's all.

Robert Browning: "May and Death."

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Friendship always benefits; love sometimes injures.

Seneca.

Friends require to be advised and to be reproved; and such treatment ought to be taken in a friendly spirit when it is kindly meant.

Cicero.

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While I keep my senses I shall prefer nothing to a pleasant friend.

Horace.

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The man who hails you Tom or Jack,
And proves by thumping on your back
His sense of your great merit,
Is such a friend, that one had need
Be very much his friend indeed
To pardon or to bear it.

Cowper.

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To desire the same things and to reject the same things, constitutes true friendship.

Sallust.

To me, fair friend, you never can be old.

Shakespeare.

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As the yellow gold is tried in the fire, so the faith of friendship must be seen in adversity.

Ovid.

A friend is some one who holds you to your best self, while an acquaintance accepts you, or leaves you, as you choose to be. An acquaintance studies to make himself pleasing to you, but a friend studies to make you pleasing to God. An acquaintance dares not or cares not to offend you. A friend does not dare not to offend you, if your displeasure is the road to your reformation.

Amos R. Wells.

Friendship is the greatest bond in the world.

Jeremy Taylor.

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So Life's year begins and closes;
Days, though short'ning, still can shine;
What though youth gave love and roses,
Age still leaves us friends and wine.

Moore.

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The most experienced and the most widely circulated of us have been able to "summer and winter" but a very few people. Sometimes I think the only men I really know are those who were in college with me.

Edward Rowland Sill.

Somehow or other, friendship entwines itself with the life of all men, nor does it suffer any mode of spending our life to be independent of itself.

Cicero.

If you have no friend, while ten thousand men and women nod to you and greet you in parlours, seek a friend as your most earnest worldly pur-

seek a friend as your most earnest worldly pursuit, and beg a friend in your prayers to heaven.

Amos R. Wells.

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Old friends are best. King James us'd to call for his old shoes; they were easiest for his feet.

Selden.

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Friendship is a certain rapport between two minds during one or more phases of their existence, and the perfection of it is quite as dependent upon what is not in the two minds as upon their positive acquirements and possessions. Hence the extreme facility with which schoolboys form friendships which, for the time, are real, true, and delightful. School friendships are formed so easily because boys in the same class know the same things; and it rarely happens that in addition to what they have in com-

mon either one party or the other has any knowledge of importance that is not in common.

Later in life, the pair of friends who were once comrades go into different professions that fill the mind with special professional ideas and induce different habits of thought. Each will be conscious, when they meet, that there is a great range of ideas in the other's mind from which he is excluded, and each will have a difficulty in keeping within the smaller range of ideas that they have now in common: so that they will no longer be able to let their whole minds play together as they used to do, and they will probably feel more at ease with mere acquaintances who have what is now their knowledge, what are now their mental habits, than with the friend of their boyhood who is without them.

Philip Gilbert Hamerton.



He removes the greatest ornament of friendship who takes away from it respect.

Cicero.

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People are always pleased with those who partake pleasure with them; and hence there is a maudlin sympathy among brother topers,—but this is fellowship, not friendship.

Horace Smith.

Whoever walks a furlong without sympathy, walks to his own funeral drest in his shroud.

Walt Whitman.

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Solemnity and gravity on all occasions, certainly carry with them dignity; but friendship ought to be easier and more free and more pleasant, and tending more to every kind of politeness and good nature.

Cicero.

Whoever would remain regularly provided with intellectual friends, ought to arrange a succession of friendships, as gardeners do with peas and strawberries, so that, whilst some are fully ripe, others should be ripening to replace them. This doctrine sounds like blasphemy against friendship; but it is not intended to apply to the sacred friendship of the heart, which ought to be permanent, like marriage, only to the friendship of the head, which is of the utmost utility to culture, yet in its nature temporary.

Philip Gilbert Hamerton.

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Keep your undrest, familiar style For strangers, but respect your friend.

Coventry Patmore.

I would not enter on my list of friends
(Though graced with polish'd manners and fine sense.

Yet wanting sensibility) the man Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.

Cowper.

Friendship is like rivers, and the strand of seas, and the air, common to all the world; but tyrants, and evil customs, wars, and want of love, have made them proper and peculiar.

Jeremy Taylor.

The foundation of that steadfastness and constancy which we seek in friendship, is sincerity. For nothing is steadfast which is insincere.

Cicero.

It is ten times more difficult to maintain a friendship by letter than by personal intercourse, not for the obvious reason that letter-writing requires an effort, but because as soon as there is the slightest divergence of views or difference in conduct, the expression of it or the account of it in writing cannot be modified by kindness in the eye, or gentleness in the tone of voice. My friend may say almost anything to me in his private room, because whatever passes his lips will come

with tones that prove him to be still my friend; but if he wrote down exactly the same words, and a postman handed me the written paper, they might seem hard, unkind, and even hostile.

Philip Gilbert Hamerton.

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We should employ such carefulness in forming our friendships, that we should not at any time begin to love the man whom we could ever possibly hate.

Cicero.

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There is no luxury greater than that of unveiling our inmost souls where we are sure of meeting a superior intelligence, invincible charity, generous sympathy, and needed support and guidance.

William Rounseville Alger.

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How great the power of friendship is, may be best gathered from this consideration, that out of the boundless society of the human race, which nature herself has joined together, friendship is a matter so contracted, and brought into so narrow a compass, that the whole of affection is confined to two, or at any rate to very few.

Cicero.

I can only urge you to prefer friendship to all human possessions; for there is nothing so suited to our nature, so well adapted to prosperity or adversity.

Cicero.

O, weary hearts! O, slumbering eyes!
O, drooping souls, whose destinies
Are fraught with fear and pain,
Ye shall be loved again!

No one is so accursed by fate,
No one so utterly desolate,
But some heart, though unknown,
Responds unto his own.

Responds,—as if with unseen wings, An angel touched its quivering strings; And whispers, in its song, "Where hast thou stayed so long?"

Longfellow.

Friendship is nothing else than a complete union of feeling on all subjects, divine and human, accompanied by kindly feeling and attachment; than which, indeed, I am not aware whether, with the exception of wisdom, anything better has been bestowed on man by the immortal gods.

Cicero.

Only a shelter for my head I sought,
One stormy winter night;
To me the blessing of my life was brought,
Making the whole world bright.
How shall I thank thee for a gift so sweet,
O dearest Heavenly Friend?
I sought a resting-place for weary feet,
And found my journey's end.

Only the latchet of a friendly door

My timid fingers tried;

A loving heart, with all its precious store,

A loving heart, with all its precious store,
To me was opened wide.

I asked for shelter from a passing shower,— My sun shall always shine!

I would have sat beside the hearth an hour,—
And the whole heart was mine!

Friedrich Rückert.

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I am of opinion that, except among the virtuous, friendship cannot exist.

Cicero.

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Friendship is a union of spirits, a marriage of hearts, and the bond thereof virtue.

William Penn.

Friendship consists in forgetting what one gives, and remembering what one receives.

Dumas fils.

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To be above measure distressed at one's own troubles, is characteristic of the man who loves not his friend, but himself.

Cicero.

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