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Friendship

*A Friend Loves
at All Times.*

Proverbs 17:17



Ruth (friendship, companion)

*Do not urge me to leave you
or to turn back from you.*

Where you go I will go. . .

*Your people will be my people
and your God my God*

Ruth 1:16

*There is a friend
who sticks closer than a brother.*

Proverbs 8:24

*The pleasantness of one's friend
springs from his earnest counsel.*

Proverbs 27:9

The Kitchen Folks

It's nice to have folks over
for a snack or for a meal,
Folks who accept you as you are--
its not that big a deal.
It may be just a piece of toast
with cocoa steaming hot,
But it is eaten with delight,
in this I kid you not.

Just serve 'em in the kitchen
and an eye they will not blink,
The stove won't worry them a bit,
nor will the kitchen sink.
They'll feel at home like family--
there is love that you can't buy,
For folks like these are hard to find
e'en though you try and try.

The chatting and the laughter
causes them to just relax,
What better way to spend your days
and live life to the max.
I like the kitchen kind of folks
they're true and down to earth,
And if you haven't friends
like these
you're missing lots of mirth.



The Collectors

Some folks it seems accumulate
an awful lot of stuff,
No matter what they've stashed away
they think its not enough.
Though they collect all sorts of things
and have both cash and gold,
Possessions will not love them back--
they even can grow mold.
The guy who's always looking out
for good old 'number one'
Will find his living pretty dull,
and seldom has much fun.

A person needs some good close friends
to give his life a song,
And those who will invest in them
will find they're seldom wrong.
So get yourself a lot of friends,
they'll help you keep on track,
And I can guarantee you, too,
that they will love you back.



Little Things

Some folks don't really seem impressed
with little things, you know,
They much prefer to swagger in
and kinda' make a show.
They like to talk and tell folks
of some great things they have done
And how they've really made it big,
and trophies they have won.

I know we can appreciate
the folks who come to fame
But most of us live simpler lives
and have a common name.
But when I read my Bible, friends,
I find another view—
God loves one talent folks a lot
for they're important, too.



How would we ever get along
without the folks who smile?
We need the people who give hugs
and go the second mile.
A cup of water in Christ's Name
God says He will reward;
Sometimes the little things we do
speak volumes for the Lord.

Anyone who gives a cup of cold water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward. Mark 9:41

Listening

God gave us ears so we could hear
the sounds that come our way,
In fact He gave us two of them
that we could use each day;
I guess the reason we have two
is He made doubly sure
That we'd know what is going on,
not merely just endure.
So we are glad to have our ears
to hear a lot of stuff
And though these really are quite good
sometimes they're not enough.
God knew we'd need a little help
if we would play it smart
And so He made it possible
to listen with our heart.



Everyone should be quick to listen,
slow to speak and slow to become angry.
James 1:19

It's Never Enough

'It's never enough,' we can say of our days,
As we spend our lives in such various ways.
Life's simply too short to get everything done
That we'd like to do, for we've found life is fun.

We've built our sand castles and filled them
with dreams
And most of our plans are fulfilled, so it seems.

It is never enough. There is more up ahead.
Life's ours to enjoy, and is not our's to dread.
We still want to visit some faraway place
And see if it's better than our hectic pace.

This earth has so much that's fantastic to view,
And sharing it's beauty with friends old and new
Makes living worthwhile, and it just seems to me
That this is the way that our lives ought to be.



Dogs . . . As Friends

We've heard that dogs are man's best friend,
how does this come to be?
Is it because he listens well
to folks like you and me?
He never breaks your confidence
and tells what he has heard,
He puts his head up in your lap
and utters not a word.
He greets you when you come from work,
in this he does not fail;
He runs and jumps to show his love
and wags his furry tail.
No matter what you tell the dog
he won't betray your trust,
So if you're lonely, get a dog--
it could be, it's a must.



Friends

When I count up my blessings
I find friends will head the list;
No other treasure that I have
would be as sorely missed
As those who touch my heart with love
and care when things go wrong,
These are the special kind of folk
that give to life a song.
If you have friends you are not poor,
you really are quite blest.
Let others rush to get their gold
while you enjoy the best.



Two are better than one
. . . If one falls, his friend
can help him.

Ecclesiastes 4:9

Who Folks Like Best

I've found that folks don't care a lot
how many years you've spent
On planet earth, and what you've done
to pay your monthly rent.
They mostly like a person
who is honest and sincere
And leans a little closer
when you whisper in his ear.

The young have much to offer,
and the older ones do, too;
So listen well to what folks say,
it could, you know, be true.
So gather friends, both young and old,
and don't from them depart.
It may be those you like the best
are people with a heart.



The Caring Ones

Don't you love the folks who just stop by
to check on how you are?
They don't worry if you've dusted
or if house is up to par.
They still love you if dishes
are piled high in kitchen sink,
They simply stop to check and see
if you are in the pink.

I think God made some special folks
who have a heart of gold
And they know how to cheer the folks
who feel depressed or old.
I wonder if an angel sends
a friend like this along
So they can chase your blues away
and give your heart a song.



As you have opportunity,
let us do good to all people.
Galations 6:10

Old Friends

Old Friends are best you realize,
the ones you've known for years,
For they have stood the test of time
through sunshine and through tears.
It's fun to sit and reminisce
of memories in the past;
Friends really brighten up your day
When skies are overcast.

So keep in touch with folks you love,
Don't let them slip away,
They're more important than the gold
you hoard from day to day.
No matter what you own on earth
on this you can depend,
There's nothing that will bring more joy
than having a good friend.



*Those
Caring
Friends*



The good Samaritan we know
was really a great guy,
He helped a fellow in a ditch
who was about to die.
The Bible tells that other folks
who saw the wounded man
Just left him there and passed on by.
I wonder if they ran.

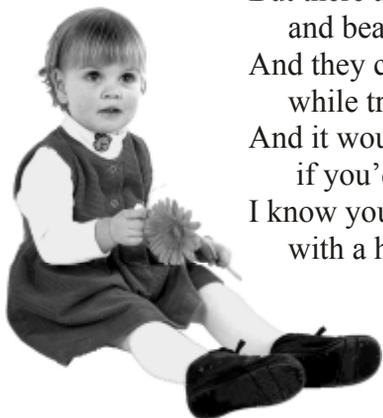
Some folks are not compassionate,
they just go on their way
Ignoring folks around them
who are struggling through the day.
But happy are the loving folks
who take the time to share
And look out for the hurting ones
and show them that they care.

It doesn't matter who we are
or how much stuff we own
We all need love and caring friends
so we are not alone.

The Contented Ones

Contented are the happy folks
who know when they've enough
And do not complicate their lives
with lots of extra stuff,
For if you have more than you need
it takes a lot of care
To keep those things all up to snuff
and causes wear and tear.

I'd like to whisper in the ear
of those whose lives are blest:
'Please spread a little love around
while feathering your nest.'
It's easy to accumulate
a bit of extra cash
And save it for a rainy day
in case the markets crash.



But there are folks who travel on
and bear a heavy load
And they could use a bit of help
while trudging down life's road.
And it would please the Lord a lot
if you'd share of your things--
I know you'd be rewarded
with a heart that hums and sings.

Carry each others
burdens, and in this
way you will fulfill
the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2