Friends are never earned
They're a gift from the loving God
And they're precious beyond human evaluation

But you dare not take them for granted Or they'll drift away like a smoke And the warmth of their caring will vanish Like the chill of the endless nights

Most of my friends are unknowns And they probably won't rate an obituary Unless they live and die in small towns Where nothing much ever happens

But a few of my friends are big people They'd made the world ring with laughter Down to it's gaseous burning core

They're famous, sensitive, talented And their names are household words Yet they're no more precious in God's eyes or in mine Than those wonderful nobodys who live and die in small towns

Who is your friend? He's someone who warms you with a nod Or with the unspoken word in hard times When you're hurting beyond words

Who is your friend?
She's someone who holds you to her breast
And sighs softly into your hair
When no other medicine can stop the pain

A friend is someone who clinks his glass against yours Or answers the phone At three in the morning when you're lost And with a few words of encouragement and concern Makes you realize that you aren't really lost at all

Friends come in both sexes and in all shapes and sizes
The most important thing they have in common
Is the ability to share with you, your most sky splitting joys
Or your deepest, most awesome sorrows
For they are your friends