

# ON FRIENDSHIP

## Some Thoughts about Camaraderie

Friends are those with whom you can think openly  
yet relax in silence with too

Friends are those with whom you can laugh deeply  
without fear of what they'll do

Friends are those who see parts of you  
which get better with age

They recognize your shortcomings clearly  
yet are kind enough to laugh @ you anyway!

**Bai-Luo:** I think of friends as travelers – they share the road a few moments with us, then disappear.

**Cindy:** How nihilistic! With respect, tolerance, and humor are present, I see no reason any friendship shouldn't last a lifetime.

**Aiko:** Isn't our hardest task is to make friends with ourselves? If we can do that, it's usually not so difficult to befriend others.

**Don:** I dunno – friendship usually involves a lot of work. Is it actually worth the payoff?

**Bai-Luo:** Hey, you make it sound like a business transaction. That's not the right spirit – friendship should never be a commodity.

**Don:** (Chuckling) Do you actually believe such crap?

**Bai-Luo:** Let me tell you bluntly: all beliefs are crap. As long as we're calculating friendships or any other action and treating it as sort of investment, we are less than genuine.

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