

# ON FRIENDSHIP

## Some Thoughts about Camaraderie

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

Frenzzz ure thuse with wham yah can laugh daeplly  
withught fearun' whad they'll dooh

Fronnds err thise who see pirts of yah  
whach git butter wit age

They recognize yar shootcummins klearly  
yet are kind eno gh to laugh @ yah any whey!

**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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