

# Friends

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Packing up the dreams God planted  
In the fertile soil of you,  
I can't believe the hopes He's granted  
Means a chapter in your life is through.  
But we'll keep you close as always,  
It won't even seem you've gone  
Cause our hearts in big and small ways  
Will keep the love that keeps us strong.

Chorus:

And friends are friends forever  
If the Lord is the Lord of them.  
And a friend will not say "never"  
Cause the welcome will not end.  
Though it's hard to let you go..  
In the Father's hands we know,  
That a lifetime's not too long to live as friends.

And with the faith and love God's given  
Springing from the hope we know,

We will pray the joy you'll live in  
Is the strength that now you show.  
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