



**F**riendship is a beautiful thing. It is a bond that is formed between two people who share a common interest or passion. It is a bond that is built on trust, respect, and understanding. It is a bond that is often the most important one in our lives. It is a bond that can last a lifetime. It is a bond that can help us through our darkest moments. It is a bond that can make us feel like we are not alone. It is a bond that can give us the strength we need to overcome our fears and doubts. It is a bond that can help us achieve our dreams and aspirations. It is a bond that is truly a gift from God. It is a bond that is worth fighting for. It is a bond that is worth everything.

When things aren't so clear and you need someone to  
wipe away the tears,  
I'll be there to dry them.  
When you are in need of a friend just look my way.  
I'll be there for you.  
When time seems to be running out for you,  
I'll be there to stop it for you.  
When you need a shoulder to lean on,  
I'll be there to give it to you.  
When you just want to sit there in silence,  
I'll be there to sit with you.  
When you are feeling very empty and incomplete,  
I'll be there to refill you with happiness.  
When things get rough at home,  
I'll be there if you want to go to mine.  
My friend as you can plainly see  
I'll be there whenever you need me.  
—by—Arielle Shari Kardon

**Gayle's Philosophy**

Be nice to me  
Be nice to all  
For tomorrow,  
You may die of a fall  
Smile as you pass a stranger  
Stop and say hi  
For tomorrow,  
You might be run over by a truck and die  
Take the opportunity to go abroad  
Go and have a big bash  
For tomorrow,  
You could die in a crash  
Have all-you-can-eat  
Fill those plates  
For tomorrow,  
You could be crushed by those weights  
Live life to it's fullest  
Be happy and gay  
For tomorrow,  
Just maybe your last day  
Matilda Brown