**3 Ways to Look at Friendship**

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Among a prosperous life,

The only thing deemed indispensable

Feels to be the unconditional love of friends:

The voice of sanity and temptation.

1. Friends are like spinal cords

Holding us upright and stable--

Despite our tendencies to bend or erode.

1. Sometimes the result of paralyzing tension.

They can be straight forward

Or crippling from a single twinge in the back.

1. When you’re disturbed the most,

They ache for you—

And every neurologically aspect of you being—

Scorching like a jolted beam of a sun flare.

The voice of sanity and temptation.

They urge you with a slight push;

Do you succumb to peer pressure?

Or do you take advantage of social consultation?

A silly musing game of tug-o-war is reduced to

Mass compromise.

Friendship.