

# Recognise your Friends

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**Death** is our true friend, it's ignorance that causes grief,  
When soul deserts our body, our limbs enjoy relief,  
**Truth** is our true friends, it makes us bold and brave,  
It keeps our head erect, till we return to grave,  
**Charity** is our true friend, it urges us to give,  
It provides us mental peace and solace as we live,  
**Humility** is our true friend, it leads us to delight,  
It curbs our sense of pride and raises our social height.  
**Compassion** is our true friend, it is a virtue rare,  
It inspires us to help those, who only stand and stare,  
**Honesty** is our true friend, it makes our life sublime,  
When we depart, we leave, footprints on the sands of time,  
**Courage** is our comrade close, it urges us to fight,  
It drags us to safety, when we are in a pathetic plight,  
**Faith** is our true friend, it raises our hands to pray,  
When we seek God's help, no mountain can block our way.  
**Ego** is our fiercest foe, it makes us haughty and proud,  
It works like slow poison, till we are wrapped it in a shroud,  
**Anger** is our enemy, it makes us fume and flare  
It ignores all the consequences, its damage we can't repair,  
**Lust** is our bitter foe, it ruins our mortal frame,  
Under its evil influence, our passions we cannot tame,  
**Attachment** is another foe which multiplies our greed,  
We yearn to possess more than what is our actual need.  
We keep on confronting friends and foes till our demise  
Passing through a vicious circle, we pay a heavy price,  
We forget the Giver, we only value His perishable gifts,  
This attitude of ours, is responsible for yawning rifts,  
We are all children of God, why to claim a special berth  
with the dawn of this realisation, we can bring Heaven on earth.  
Let us broaden our vision and stretch our arms for embrace.  
Then foes would turn friends and smiles would ripple on every face.