

What a Friend

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1 There is one above all others,
Well deserves the name of Friend:
His is love beyond a brother's:
Costly, free, and knows no end;
They who once His kindness own,
Find it everlasting love.

2 Which of all our friends, to save us,
Could, or would, have shed his blood?
But the Savior died to have us
Reconciled in Him to God:
This was boundless love indeed!
Jesus is a friend in need.

C Chorus:
O, for grace our hearts to soften!
Teach us, Lord, at length to love:
We, alas! forget too often
What a Friend we have above,
What a Friend above.

3 When he lived among us, humbled,
"Friend of sinners" was His name;
Now, above all glory lifted,
He rejoices in the same:
Still He calls them brethren, friends,
And to ev'ry need attends.

4 Could we bear from one another
What He daily bears from us?
Yet this glorious Friend and Brother

**Loves us though we treat Him thus;
Though for good we render ill,
He accounts us brethren still.**