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# Aphrodite Unadorned

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Friendship is Venus without  
her wings,  
Harmony sweet of the bird  
that sings.

Friendship is Love without  
her splendacious frills.  
Simplicity pure as dew  
which rinses daffodils.  
From the one unornate  
the other is begot,  
Love adorns diadems decorative;  
Friendship does not.

—Norman W. Powell, Jr.