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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.