

As you read the poem, think about friendships.

**New Friend**  
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A new friend, a true friend

A cheers-me-when-I'm-blue friend

A sunny-day-hurray friend

A nice-in-every-way friend

A new friend, a true friend

A turns-the-gray-skies-blue friend

A talk-and-talk-non-stop friend

A giggle-till-we-drop friend

A none-can-ever-top friend

A new friend, a true friend

A happy-I-met-you friend.

What are the characteristics of a good friend? Use verses from the poem to support your answers.

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