

# Friends

## Will and the People

Packing up the dreams, God planted  
    In the fertile soil of you  
I can't believe the hopes He's granted  
Means a chapter in your life is through  
    But we'll keep you close as always  
    It won't even seem you've gone  
'Cause our hearts, in big and small ways  
Will keep the love that keeps us strong  
    And friends are friends forever  
    If the Lord's the Lord of them  
And a friend will not say, "Never"  
    'Cause the welcome will not end  
    Though it's hard to let you go  
    In the father's hands, we know  
    That a lifetime's not too long  
    To live as friends  
With the faith and love, God's given  
Springing from the hope we know  
We will pray the joy you'll live in  
Is the strength that now you show  
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