## **Friends**

## Michael W. Smith

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 throughBut 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 strongAnd 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 friendsWith 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 showBut we'll keep you close as always

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Will keep the love that keeps us strong Yeah, yea And friends are friends forever

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