



## THE FRIENDSHIP TREE

If you want to see the Friendship Tree  
become firm and strong,  
overflowing with foliage,  
the first step is to plant the seed.

But not any seed will do.  
It needs to be a seed of caring and of joy,  
of happiness and of understanding,  
and of solidarity.

Cover the seed with tenderness,  
fertilize it with loyalty,  
nourish it with your faith,  
water it with sincerity  
and infuse the air around it with respect.

If its roots are nurtured  
with your generosity,  
you will see the trunk  
grow thick and hard.

In time, its branches  
will sprout leaves,  
green like the colour of hope,  
which gives you so much joy.

Its flowers, too,  
will be filled  
full of rich fruits,  
bursting with happiness.

Look after the Tree of Friendship  
every day of your life,  
for if not,  
it may wither,  
and without its shade and shelter,  
you will live in sadness.

