

Friendship

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Handel, “Vive la face, viva l’amor,”
melody alt. & harm., William Walker, 1860

1. Friend - ship, to ev - 'ry will - ing mind,
2. Poor are the joys that fools es - teem,
3. Learn - ing, that boast - ing, glitt - 'ring thing
4. Beau - ty, with all its gaud - y shows,

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O - pens a heav'n - ly — trea - sure;
Fad - ing and tran - si - to - ry;
Is — but just worth pos - sess - ing;
Is — but a paint - ed — bub - ble;

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There may the sons of sor - row find
Mirth is as fleet - ing as — a dream,
Rich - es, for - ev - er on — the wing,
Short is the tri - umph wit — be - stows,

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Sourc - es of real — plea - sure:
Or — a de - lu - sive — sto - ry;
Scarce can be call'd a — bless - ing;
Full — of de - ceit and — trou - ble;

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See what em - ploy - ments we pur - sue,
 Lux - u - ry leaves a sting be - hind,
 Fame, like a sha - dow, flies a - way,
 Sen - su - al plea - sures swell de - sire,

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Then you will own my — words are true,
 Wound - ing the bod - y — and the mind;
 Ti - tles and dig - ni - ty de - cay;
 Just as the fu - el — feeds the fire —

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Friend - ship a - lone pre - sents to view
 On - ly in friend - ship can — we find
 Noth - ing but friend - ship can — dis - play
 Friend - ship can real — bliss in - spire,

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Sour - ces of real — plea - sure.
 Plea - sure and sol - id — glo - ry.
 Joys — that are free from trou - ble.
 Bliss that is worth pos - ses - sing.