The Dearest Friend

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1. The best of friends I have in heav-en, The loy - al friends on earth are few;
   Where hearts to things of earth are giv - en, Friends can - not be sinc - cere and true;

2. The world be - stows its great - est fa - vors On those who can and will re - pay;
   When - ev - er for - tune's friend - ship wa - vers, Its fa - vors too will pass a - way;

3. He is the friend a - bove all oth - ers, Whose heart and soul is whol - ly mine;
   Whose love is strong - er than a broth - er's, And stands be - yond the end of time:

But firm - ly I can e' er de - pend On Je - sus as my dear - est friend.
With Je - sus such is not the end, He al - ways is the dear - est friend.
Then praise with me un - to the end My Sav - ior as the dear - est Friend.

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