

**Lewin Project  
International Education and Resource Network**

1. Read the following poem that was posted in the Lewin forum on May 11, 2006.  
<http://foro.learns.org/learnsforums/lewin/2781>
2. In your small group discuss what friendship means to you/
3. Write a response to the student who the poem before you read the responses from other students and teachers.
4. Read the responses from others to Girish.
5. Try your hand at writing a poem or essay on friendship to share with others.

**FRIENDSHIP**

In this life you have a friend  
Who will help you till the end  
With him lot of time you spend  
And many a letter you to him you send

What is this I call a friend?  
Is it the world's latest trend?  
No! It's a relationship with no end  
The friend's the one on whom you depend

If you feel bad, a letter you send  
To your most dearly friend  
Your emotions he will mend  
And hope he shall lend

Friendship can't end  
For a while, it may suspend  
So if you want to be my friend  
Just an email you gotta send!!

Hello! My name is Girish Kamath, age 14, from Pune city in India.

**Your Poem or Essay:**

(Use the other side of this sheet if necessary)

## **Lewin Forum Responses to Girish's Poem**

(Note: These are unedited and are as they appear in the forum)

To me friendship is a wonderful bond. We trust, depend on and love our friends. Hopefully they will be our friends till the end. Lynn Rosen, facilitator, USA

### **friends are forever**

Friend is the most precious wealth we have in our lives  
by Gautam Sunam

### **Re: friends are forever**

I agree. That's why we must treat our friends like gold. They are rare. Lynn

This poem does not have a lot of responses. Discuss what you might do to get more responses for the student. You may ask a facilitator for some advice.