

In Friendship's Name - song lyrics

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Long ago we met, dear heart, in the shadows of the wildwood;
We were children, yet, dear heart, love may come to us in childhood;
Ere the day had passed, we were plighted friends together;
Loyal to the last, now in friendship's name we sever.
As friends we met, as friends we part, though we had dearer grown,
Once hand in hand and heart to heart, we brave the world alone;
Tho' memory lives to bring regret, and love remains the same;
Tho' I through life can never thee forget, we part in friendship's name.

Once the earth seemed full of gladness, life was full of song;
And only joy and love, dear heart, inspired me all day long;
But now the world seems all of sadness, the songs no longer sweet;
And love was but a shadow that vanished at our feet.
As friends we met, as friends we part, though we had dearer grown;
Once hand in hand and heart to heart, we'll brave the world alone;
Though mem'ry lives to bring regret, and love remains the same;
Tho' I through life may never thee forget, we'll part in friendship's name;
Love's sweet day-dream ends, still may we part as we first met, good friends.