

I Will Stand By My Friend - song lyrics

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As on we go through life's career,
How many have to rough it;
While one gives us a friendly hand,
A dozen try to buffet;
Still let's be faithful where we can,
A helping hand to lend.
My maxim is that, come what may,
I will stand by my friend;
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When well to do in life, we all
A ready welcome get;
It's " How do you do, to-day, my boy? "
"I'm glad that we have met;"
But if in our career through life,
Bad luck does us attend,
How few will give a hand and say:
I will stand by my friend,
How few will give a hand and say:
I will stand by my friend.

A friend in need, is one indeed.
His heart and hand he lends;
How different where we have to say,
Oh, save us from our friends;
With many, friendship's but a name,
No sympathy they lend,
They bid good-day, but never say:
I will stand by my friend;
They bid good-day, but never say:
I will stand by my friend.