

## *Enemies and Friends*

*To overcome an enemy, make that enemy into a friend.*

*That is neither simple nor easy,  
but you do know exactly where to start.*

*You know that in order to have a friend, you need to be one.*

*You know as well that true friendship demands your forgiveness and commands you to go beyond the “I’ll meet you half-way” approach, which is nothing more than a treaty, a pact of some perceived “quid pro quo” arrangement which attempts to delineate some aspects of your future relationship.*

*So, do not hesitate to give more than you receive,  
and go and be a true friend.*

*The enemy that friend may have once been will be vanquished.*

*The success of this is predicated on your sincerity,  
and entirely worth achieving.*

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I believe it was Abraham Lincoln who once responded to an opponent’s criticism with a comment the gist, if not the exact wording, of which was,

“Are not my enemies destroyed if they become my friends?”