

# Friends

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These later days in Babylon  
As I watch your children grow  
And the years them carry on  
And I miss you even more  
Still I send them go to school  
And tell them  
What dem fi know  
All of mi friend dem mi salute  
Daddi gon and Lenny Screw  
Another year has come and past  
Man a drop like morning dew  
Uncle Warrick sick and gone  
When him couldn't catch a flew  
Picka T you a mi don  
Respect long and overdue  
When nothing never did a gwan  
You still have on somethin' new  
Our friendship ever last  
All when one minus from few  
Yes we surely had a blast  
We're like family Me and you  
A nuh every path you cross  
Lead to somebody whe true  
Of the many that are called  
Only chosen is a few

Of the real friends that serve you long  
Your memories might fade  
Your real friends will serve you long  
Sunshine or rain  
Your real friends will serve you long  
Acquaintances will fade  
Your real friends wont do you wrong  
Real friend don't change

Only talking with winners  
A loser or two  
Got my number  
Still they think they real  
But they just really awfully bitter  
Salty niggaz Hate the smarter ones  
These are the doubters  
Who's our 'bout my run  
I barely made it out the slums  
My value high Cause I do more than  
Rap about a gun  
I made money for niggaz  
Ya'll never looking out for none  
I helped millionaires get to that very position  
Some real millionaires see that's ill  
Cause look at statistics  
Real millionaires  
And I ain't talking ghetto riches  
Thorough business  
You mistreating niggaz  
Heard your folks bleed in prison  
You ain't a G

And if you was  
I don't recall  
Who would roll with ya'll  
Bunch a fucking know it alls  
Who's dough is small  
Look what's it come to  
Our rapport's good no more  
We was good before  
Till I saw what type a dude you took me for  
We had a chance to take paper down  
What I took was more  
Because of hatred  
Opportunity wasted

Your real friends will serve you long  
Your car and clothes will fade  
Your real friend wont do you wrong  
Real friend don't change Eh

Your real friend won't run in war  
Nuh care what the cost is  
You real friends are in for all the wins and the losses  
Fi Real!  
No question at all  
Them ready fi rise the tallest  
Take to the enemies  
All for one  
And one for all this  
Real friend will hear you out  
No secret feelings  
Real friends won't sell you out  
No bargain pleading  
For real!  
Always looking out  
A meal!  
When outside a drought  
Your real!  
Friend won't hide you out  
No

Your real friends will serve you long  
When all else fails  
Your real friend wont do you wrong  
Real friend don't change

May laughter  
From backstabbers  
Turn to tears faster  
I wish for you  
No snake shall slither past ya  
You have to  
Keep your vision clear  
Cause only a coward lives in fear  
My surroundings  
Got only real powerful niggaz here  
Real men we have a code of ethics  
No question  
No jealousies  
No feminine tendencies  
We expecting  
No gossip  
No phony logic  
No counting your homey pocket

Spare no expense for legal defense  
If your homey locked up  
No keeping tabs  
On who was the last who looked out  
Selfishness  
That's a character flaw  
No holding out  
Yo what happened to the honor?  
You're dealing with  
Sensitive Pre-Madonna drama  
Teflon love  
For my dudes who solid

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Your memories might fade  
Your real friends will serve you long  
Sunshine or rain, eh  
Your real friends will serve you long, woe ya woe  
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Now plentiful  
Or scantily  
My cup be full  
Or emptily  
With arm in arms  
We'll all trod on  
Through destiny  
A friend that's true  
Is there for me  
Respect is due  
They care for me  
Should I be down  
Or even out  
They're next to me  
Hey

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