

## **Within the Folds of Our Friendship**

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I am safe

and

I am me.

My truths are spoken.

Illusions are broken.

And I am at peace:

Soul gentled and supported...

Cradled in acceptance...

Rocked in trust...

And wrapped in the comfort that is you.

And I am free:

Soul floating and then soaring...

Lifted by your admiration...

Floating on your affirmation...

Swept away—yet oddly bound—

By the love that abides

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