Friends vs. Acquaintances
(Version B)

You work
with a colleague,
but create
with a friend.

You travel
with a companion,
but journey
with a friend.

You accomplish
with a partner,
but fulfill
with a friend.

You are involved
with a lover,
but intimate
with a friend.

You are bound
to a spouse,
but devoted
to a friend.

Your relatives
are a given,
but your friend
is a gift.

Those who know *about* you
are your acquaintances;
the one who knows *you*
is your friend.

Your acquaintances
try to own you;
your friend
leaves you free.

Your acquaintances
tend to crowd you;
a friend
respects your solitude.

Your acquaintances
generate noise;
with a friend
you find tranquility.

Before marriage, therefore,
ask not if you are
in love;
but whether you are
friends.

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