

# Friends

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It's rather wonderful, I think  
when Friends are made of pen and ink,  
a piece of paper, blue or white  
And someone decides that she will write.  
To someone she has never seen  
who lives where she has never been  
A pen becomes a magic wand  
Two strangers begin to correspond.  
Two strangers long, but soon good  
Friends, Just note how their last letter ends.  
How pleasant on important news  
Two Friends quite Far apart  
Can gladden each other's heart,  
Can nourish each other's mind  
with goodly thoughts in letters kind it's  
truly wonderful I think.

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