A SONG WRITTEN FOR CHARITY

Real Ones

Just because

When times were sad, you reached out to me
With a heartfelt text, just what I needed to see
Those texts turned to calls, only one each week
You had your rules, but made room for me
Your gentle words helped lighten my days
And slowly our friendship fell into place
Then came a suncatcher, a surprise from you
A gift from the heart that meant more than you knew

> *Charity, your faith shines strong and bright*
> *You always listen, and somehow understand*
> *Sent from above, our friendship grew*
> *You're a real one, through and through*

Gerti gives licks between her play
And Hedgie fills her busy day
Your "What in tarnation?" makes me grin
That's just Charity being Charity again
Through antique stores, we laughed and explored
And somehow Hot Rod became my name evermore
At Havelock Beach, with sunshine all day
Alligators—and Matt texted "Hey"
Dollar General was our beach-trip feast
Young Harris brought mountain memories
Two waterfalls we hiked to see
And deer wandered by so peacefully

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Just because, I want you to know
How much I treasure watching our friendship grow
Whatever life may bring you through
I'll always be right here for you

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> *You always listen, and somehow understand*
> *Sent from above, our friendship grew*
> *You're a real one, through and through*

Charity, my dear friend, through laughter and pain
A caring soul, through sunshine and rain
From jokes to faith, you've let me in
And I'm thankful you're a part of my days

And before I finish, there's just one thing left to say...

"Why are you the way that you are?"

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