

Only when you have walked with me through the valley of hardship..  
When you have fought beside me against an evil foe..  
When you have cried with me through a painful heartache..  
When you have laughed with me at life joyous moments..  
When you have held my hand in silent sorrow at my loss..  
When you have trusted me in spite of your doubts ...  
When you have believed in me when I lacked the confidence to believe in my self..  
When you have defended my honour against lying tongues..  
When you have prayed for me when I was tempted to go wrong..  
When you have stood with me as others walked away..  
Then and only then can you call me friend. For then you truly know ME.  
Then you will have paid the price of sisterhood/brotherhood.  
Then you will have forged a bond that will transcend time and live beyond life.  
Then you will truly be called a **FRIEND** who sticks closer than a brother..