



Do Not Leave

S. J. Vail
(1818-1884)

Silas Jones Vail (1818-1884) was born in Brooklyn, New York City, and became a prominent and successful businessman, a manufacturer of hats. He later became a piano dealer in Brooklyn. He was an amateur musician and composer with close relationships with well-known musicians and song writers of the time including William Bradbury and Fanny Crosby. He wrote many songs and hymns and published a number of song collections. His "Athenaeum Collection" (1863) contained unpublished songs by the well-known American composer Stephen Foster. He died in Brooklyn.

There are many friends, like flowers,
That enjoy the summer's sun;
But when winter chills the blossoms,
All their sweet perfume is done.
On the broad highway of action
Friends of worth are far and few;
So when one has proved their friendship—
Do not leave old friends for new.

Do not harshly judge your neighbor,
Do not deem his life untrue;
If he makes no great pretensions—
Deeds, not words, should weigh with you.
Those who stand amid the tempest,
Firm as when the skies are blue;
Will be friends while life endureth—
Do not leave old friends for new.

When you see a worthy brother
Struggling on the stormy main,
Lend a helping hand fraternal,
Till he reach the shore again.
Don't desert the old and true friend,
If in need he comes you you;
Let your friendship shield and succor—
Do not leave old friends for new.

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S
There are ma - ny friends, like flow - ers, That en - joy the sum - mer's

A
There are ma - ny friends, like flow - ers, That en - joy the sum - mer's

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There are ma - ny friends, like flow - ers, That en - joy the sum - mer's

B
There are ma - ny friends, like flow - ers, That en - joy the sum - mer's

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S
sun; But when win - ter chills the blos - soms, All their sweet per - fume is

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sun; But when win - ter chills the blos - soms, All their sweet per - fume is

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sun; But when win - ter chills the blos - soms, All their sweet per - fume is

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S
done. On the broad high - way of ac - tion Friends of worth are far and

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B
done. On the broad high - way of ac - tion Friends of worth are far and

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S few; So when one has proved their friend - ship— Do not leave old friends for

A few; So when one has proved their friend - ship— Do not leave old friends for

T 8 few; So when one has proved their friend - ship— Do not leave old friends for

B few; So when one has proved their friend - ship— Do not leave old friends for

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S new; So when one has proved their friend - ship— Do not leave old friends for new.

A new; So when one has proved their friend - ship— Do not leave old friends for new.

T 8 new; So when one has proved their friend - ship— Do not leave old friends for new.

B new; So when one has proved their friend - ship— Do not leave old friends for new.

S Do not harsh - ly judge your neigh - bor, Do not deem his life un -

A Do not harsh - ly judge your neigh - bor, Do not deem his life un -

T 8 Do not harsh - ly judge your neigh - bor, Do not deem his life un -

B Do not harsh - ly judge your neigh - bor, Do not deem his life un -

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S true; If he makes no great pre - ten - sions— Deeds, not words, should weigh with

A true; If he makes no great pre - ten - sions— Deeds, not words, should weigh with

T true; If he makes no great pre - ten - sions— Deeds, not words, should weigh with

B true; If he makes no great pre - ten - sions— Deeds, not words, should weigh with

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S you. Those who stand a - mid the tem - pest, Firm as when the skies are

A you. Those who stand a - mid the tem - pest, Firm as when the skies are

T you. Those who stand a - mid the tem - pest, Firm as when the skies are

B you. Those who stand a - mid the tem - pest, Firm as when the skies are

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S blue; Will be friends while life en - dur - eth— Do not leave old friends for

A blue; Will be friends while life en - dur - eth— Do not leave old friends for

T blue; Will be friends while life en - dur - eth— Do not leave old friends for

B blue; Will be friends while life en - dur - eth— Do not leave old friends for

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S new; Will be friends while life en - dur-eth— Do not leave old friends for new.

A new; Will be friends while life en - dur-eth— Do not leave old friends for new.

T new; Will be friends while life en - dur-eth— Do not leave old friends for new.

B new; Will be friends while life en - dur-eth— Do not leave old friends for new.

S When you see a wor - thy broth - er Strug - gling on the storm - y

A When you see a wor - thy broth - er Strug - gling on the storm - y

T When you see a wor - thy broth - er Strug - gling on the storm - y

B When you see a wor - thy broth - er Strug - gling on the storm - y

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S main, Lend a help - ing hand fra - ter - nal, Till he reach the shore a -

A main, Lend a help - ing hand fra - ter - nal, Till he reach the shore a -

T main, Lend a help - ing hand fra - ter - nal, Till he reach the shore a -

B main, Lend a help - ing hand fra - ter - nal, Till he reach the shore a -

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S gain. Don't de - sert the old and true friend, If in need he comes you

A gain. Don't de - sert the old and true friend, If in need he comes you

T gain. Don't de - sert the old and true friend, If in need he comes you

B gain. Don't de - sert the old and true friend, If in need he comes you

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S you; Let your friend - ship shield and suc - cor— Do not leave old friends for

A you; Let your friend - ship shield and suc - cor— Do not leave old friends for

T you; Let your friend - ship shield and suc - cor— Do not leave old friends for

B you; Let your friend - ship shield and suc - cor— Do not leave old friends for

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S new; Let your friend - ship shield and suc - cor— Do not leave old friends for new.

A new; Let your friend - ship shield and suc - cor— Do not leave old friends for new.

T new; Let your friend - ship shield and suc - cor— Do not leave old friends for new.

B new; Let your friend - ship shield and suc - cor— Do not leave old friends for new.

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