

# Dear Friend

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*Sakura/Ino*

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## 1. Dear Friend

Sakura/Ino friendship, Oneshot songfic. Hope you enjoy it.

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Dear Friend, what's on your mind

You don't laugh the way you used to

But I've noticed how you cry

I was organizing flowers in my mom's shop, my hair in a loose Bun, brushing back strands of blonde hair out of my face. I put the peonias with the violets when I looked out the window at Sakura. She was growing a lot prettier...and sadder. Her hair was about the same length.

Dear friend, I feel so helpless

I see you sit in silence

As you face new pain each day

I feel there's nothing I can do

Sakura was very quiet. She looked on at her daffodil and cried. It reminded her of Sasuke. She had been like this ever since Sasuke left. She barely spoke and spent a great deal of time with Lee. He really liked her. He thought her beauty was unsurpassable. She never looked at herself the way Lee did. Lee told her to never belittle herself and to see herself with new eyes because to him, she was a lotus blossom, blooming twice a year.

"If you are going to listen to some fool who thinks you are ugly," Lee said, "You are so wrong."

I looked at her as more of her own name...I mean, she did have pink hair.

I know you don't feel pretty

Even though you are

But it wasn't your beauty

That found room in my heart

Sakura was teased a whole lot in her early years and she saw no worth in herself. I got her out of that habit. She gained confidence in her surroundings. When Ami picked on her, I defended her. Then, that idiot Sasuke got in between us and we had to throw our friendship away for a boy. I started to cry, too...

Dear friend, you are so precious Dear Friend

"So," I said, "You still thinking of-"

"Shut up," she screamed suddenly, "Don't say his name...ever...he ruined everything...he ruined our friendship forever..."

I looked on.

"No...I ruined it," she said, "I fucked up...I'm sorry, Ino...I'm sorry I'm so stupid..."

Dear friend, I'm here for you

I know that you don't talk too much

But we can share this day anew

I sat down next to her She wept uncontrollable sobs as I caressed her hair.

"No, honey," I said, "No. Don't ever think that...you are so much more...you are prettier than you used to be...we are...we're a lot smarter, too, honey. We are always going to be friends, no

matter what obstacles come between us...Baby, dry your eyes..."

Dear Friend, please don't feel like you're alone  
There is someone who is praying  
Praying for your peace of mind  
Hoping joy is what you'll find

"Honey, It's not entirely your fault," I murmured, "It's mine, too. I said some things that were out of line. I'm sorry..."

I know you don't feel weak  
Even though you are  
But it wasn't your strength  
That found room in my heart  
"Lee and Naruto will be wondering how you're doing," I continued, "They don't want you to feel so down."  
"It's just," Sakura started, but I cut her off.

Dear friend, you are so precious, Dear Friend  
"Sakura," I said, "You are so precious to me..."  
"So are you, Ino," Sakura said.  
Dear friend, I'm here for you  
I know that you don't talk too much  
But we can share this day anew  
Naruto and Lee were walking up and saw us. Lee, of course, ran up.  
"Sakura," he said softly, "Is there something...you need?"  
Sakura smiled as I secretly tied the ribbon I gave her in her hair.

Dear friend, Please dont feel like your alone  
There is someone who is praying  
Praying for your peace of mind  
Hoping joy is what you find  
"That is a very nice ribbon, Sakura," Lee beamed.  
Sakura felt her head...and the Ribbon.

I know you dont feel weak  
Even though you are  
But it wasnt your strength  
That found room in my heart  
Naruto just beamed. Sakura ran into Lee's arms. Lee blushed as he carressed her hair. Naruto made a kissy-face and we rolled our eyes.

La la la la  
La la la la ah ah  
La la la la  
Naruto and myself walked up to Lee and Sakura and embraced her. We all stood there.  
"Thanks, Ino," said Sakura.  
Dear friend, you are so precious, dear friend

