

## **Michael W. Smith**

### **"Friends 2003"**

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Packing up the dreams  
God planted  
In the fertile soil of you  
I can't believe the hopes He's granted  
Means a chapter in your life is through

We'll keep you close as always  
It won't even seem you've gone  
Cause our hearts in big and small ways  
Will keep the love that keeps us strong

And friends are friends forever  
If the Lord's the Lord of them  
And a friend will not say "never"  
Cause the welcome will not end  
Though it's hard to let you go  
In the Father's hands we know  
That a lifetime's not too long to live as friends

With the faith and love that God's given  
Springing from the hope we know  
We will pray the joy you'll live in  
Is the strength that now you show

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