

Tom T. Hall

"Mabel You Have Been a Friend to Me"

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(Tom T. Hall)

I appreciate the coffee that you've made
I appreciate the shelter of your roof
I'll pay you back someday for all your kindness
And all the other liberties I took.

Although I cannot say that I have loved you
I won't forget how good it was to be
Among the people you call little darling
Mabel you have been a friend to me.

Mabel you have been a friend to me
And somewhere down the line I'll drink a toast
To the lady who encouraged me to try
And you took me in when I was down and broke.

I hope that life holds many thrills for you
And there are great big apples on your tree
I'm sorry that I couldn't give you more than thanks
Mabel you have been a friend to me.

--- Instrumental ---

If you hear that I'm somewhere and I'm doin' well
Don't you fail to stop and see me if you can
Oh you know that if you ever need a pal
I'll sure be there to lend you a helping hand.

If fortune treats me good and if I make it
I'll remember where I rest my wandering feet
That you made part of the bitter journey sweeter
Mabel you have been a friend to me.

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