Meditation on Friendship

Find a comfortable place to sit and close your eyes. (pause)
Take a deep breath (pause) and let it out. (pause)
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Once more, breathe in (pause) and let it out. (pause)

Think about someone you wish would give you a special valentine. (pause) What is special about this person? (pause) How do you feel when you are around this person? (pause) What do they say or do that you really like? (pause) Why do you want to be their friend? (pause)

Think about another person you wish would give you a special valentine. (pause) What is special about **this** person? (pause) How do you feel when you are around **this** person? (pause) What do **they** say or do that you really like? (pause) Why do you want to be **their** friend? (pause)

Think about who might want to receive a special valentine from you. (pause) What would they say is special about you? (pause) How do you think they feel when they are around you? (pause) What are some things you say or do that they might really like? (pause) Why do you think they would want to be your friend? (pause)

Think about someone else who might want to receive a special valentine from you. (pause) What would **they** say is special about you? (pause) How do you think **they** feel when they are around you? (pause) What are some things you say or do that **they** might really like? (pause) Why do you think **they** would want to be your friend? (pause)

Take a deep breath (pause) and let it out. (pause)
Cross your arms and wrap them around your body in a big hug.
Squeeze as little or as tightly as you like. (pause)
As you continue to hug yourself,
take another deep breath (pause) and let it out. (pause)
Once more, breathe in (pause) and let it out. (pause)
Then let your arms drop into your lap and open your eyes.