

LISTEN

Listening is hard work; it does not come easy.
Initial reactions may change as you hear.
Searching to comprehend what is said,
Time is not of the utmost importance.
Empathy is a necessary ingredient.
Never assume you know the story.

Learning how to listen is a slow process.
Intent in hearing with both your ears and spirit,
Sorry when becoming distracted.
Teaching by example,
Earnestly seeking to understand,
Noticing your friends countenance.

Leveling your differences brings about common ground,
Inviting a free exchange of thoughts.
Sending an appreciative message,
Thankful for the relationship,
Earns the opportunity to receive.
Nothing can be more important!

Letting your thoughts stay behind,
Interested in what your friend has to say,
Saving your own comments for later.
Trying always to empower with your whole heart,
Engaging each other with caring eye contact.
Now is the time to really give attention!

Leaving with a sense of understanding,
Inspires others to share their burdens.
Seeing the situation through another's eyes,
Taking care with sincerity to identify.
Easing into comprehension is a state of mind.
No one else can take your place.

Listen to the still small voice of God.
Inside your heart you will know He speaks.
Sense the power of the His Holy Spirit.
Take Him into your mind by reading His Word,
Enter into His presence through prayer, in faith.
Needs covered by His grace and mercy will be received!