This I Believe Speech

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**Strong friendships, strong life line**

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I remembered her as a cry baby. I don’t know what was wrong with me. Was it her tattle telling to the teacher that gave me comfort? Or was it the feeling of rebelliousness I felt when I heard my teacher’s voice scolding me to face the wall? Maybe it was everything. I was in 6th grade at the time. Guess you can say I was a bully. Well she says that I was one even up to this day.

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Middle school came by, I saw her again. I never spoke to her because I thought she’ll cry as she usually always did back in elementary school. Days flew like birds do, she appeared to be everywhere I went. It was almost summer when she started to hang with my group of friends and I. That’s when she said “hi”. I got confused but respectfully mannered as I grew to be I responded “hello”. She started to talk human and that’s when I realized she wasn’t so bad after all. I started to go to her home almost every afterschool to do homework but we mostly made jokes or watched movies. I ended up telling her all my secrets and desires. I would even stay till supper which was my favorite part. I love her family as if they were my own. After one school year spent together (8th grade), it has come to my senses that I found someone just as family-oriented as I was and has same interests as I do such as:

Reading

Swimming

Shopping

Eating

Sleeping

Snoring

Oh you know the simple pleasures in life.

I will never forget this moment. There was this one time we were walking at the side of Bank of Guam dwelling about boy problems that we ended up crying and sweating under the hot sun. Later I found myself laughing at how ridiculously stupid I must’ve looked if a car were to drive by and see me. She too started to laugh and I knew she read my mind.

Over the years bigger problems transpired in our life. Her mother unexpectedly had a stroke. My father was slowly losing his eyesight. But side by side, left and right, every direction I came to face she was right by me when I felt like I couldn’t get up the next morning. I made it my duty to do the same because I owe her that much. Having her presence made it easier because she always has an optimistic thing to say. Whether it’s a cliché phrase like “everything is going to be okay” or “don’t worry, just pray to God”. Rough days were hard to ignore but we overcame it together.

Not everyone you meet is as bad as you give away your first impression to be. Sometimes you come across people who will change the way you perceive life. If you’re as lucky as I am, you’ll get to meet someone who’ll be by you no matter the hardships you encounter. I call her my best friend and I believe this is a friendship that will last a lifetime.