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The Friend Ship

By Neal Levin

- 1 Join us on the Friend Ship.
- 2 Wherever we may go,
- 3 The sun is warm and beaming.
- 4 The ocean waves hello.
- 5 We get along so swimmingly
- 6 Whenever we set sail.
- 7 So join us on the Friend Ship.
- 8 Let paradise prevail.



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- b. Having friends can make you feel good.
- c. You should take a vacation whenever you can.
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- b. to come together
- c. sunny and warm
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The poem, *The Friend Ship*, uses the image or idea of a ship to talk about friendship. If you had a real Friend Ship, what would it look like? Who would you bring on the ship and where would you sail? What activities would you do on the ship?

ANSWER KEY

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