Remembering Friends

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Deep, deep inside, almost shadows, some translucent,
 There exists, safely stored, pictures with soft smiles.
    Of times blessed, sought, as a budding student
       Of moments with others ... learning trials.
          Etched deeply .... rarely taken out,
            Moments with deep emotions.
               Now running fast about.
                Such friendly notions,
                  Seeking sunshine,
                    Laughing loud,
                      Punchline.
                       Friends.
                         Links
                      Long gone
                    From the grind.
                  Calm, hidden song
                 Whispering ... remind
             Me of good times well spent
            At bars and fun watering holes.
           We never worried about the rent.
       Dancing the night away ... grateful souls.
     Cotton Eye Joe ... Country Two Step ... Salsa.
         Waking early ... waiting to do it again.
Those times, deep within, etched in stone, still call us.
   Ah, time, the master of us all, look at it and grin.
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