



SECTION 3

FRIENDSHIP



ACTIVITY

◆ FOR GOOD ◆

"Because I knew you, I have been changed for good." – Elphaba and Glinda

Stephen Schwartz said, "The song *For Good* was, of course, written for the show to try to express the leading characters' feelings as they are seeing each other for the last time. The title came out of a brainstorming conversation I had with Winnie Holzman (the book writer) - basically at one point she said it should be about how the two of them had changed each other "for good", at which point, hearing the amazing possibilities in that phrase, I knew I had found the title for the song. To get some of the content, I had a long conversation with my daughter, in which I asked her what she would say to her best friend (someone she has known pretty much all her life), if she knew she was never going to see her again. A lot of what Jessie said got transformed into the first verse of the song. Other than that, it was simply trying to put myself into the hearts and minds of the characters and see what they said".

Have your students make a list of things that they might say to their best friend if they were travelling overseas to live.

In the song *For Good*, Glinda and Elphaba both express how their friendship has had a deep impact on them. Have your students write a letter to someone who has changed their life "for good".

