

POEMS

*Friends of SGJ – The Soka Spirit
By Jennifer Dowdy, Houston, Texas*

*Good friends of SGJ —
Our brothers and sisters across the nation
uniting together as a family
as a whole
creating lifelong friendships
touching the lives among us here, there — nationwide
striving to become a better person
cherished memories kept close to heart...always
sharing each other's dreams and struggles
hopes and achievements
as we follow the guidance from President Ikeda —
we will chant for unity and happiness of others
as it was intended to be
taking a step closer to victory
building a closer, stronger, tighter bond
we, as the youth of today and tomorrow
Are the future and hope of the world
for the friendships we have created these past few years —
will be cherished —
today, tomorrow, and forever...
We will meet again soon in the near future.*

*To discover knowledge
By La-Tasha Payne, Annapolis, Md.*

*I know a lot just not enough —
No one does. That's why there are people
In the world pondering solutions to problems
Not realizing some things are to be left alone —
So while they're wasting a lifetime on one problem
They could be out there discovering things every day
Because they don't know you don't have to be the
Inventor to discover knowledge.*