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Imagine coming home every day to an empty house, where the silence swallows you. Imagine being completely alone, where the darkness from the night, follows you through your days. Imagine not having a family, or even friends for that matter. Imagine being in total despondency... Although the people around you may be bothersome at times, you can never forget the effect they make on your life and where you would be without them. In my eyes, friends and family are of a greater significance than anything at all in this world. This Thanksgiving, I cannot go without recognizing how thankful I am for my family and my friends.

There are no words I can put to paper that will portray how thankful I am for my friends and family. The important people in my life affect me in a myriad of positive ways that are truly inexplicable. When I am simply having a bad day, I will look across a classroom, just to see a big smile on a friend's face, and suddenly, my day gets better. If anything ever happens at school, leaving me feeling dismal, I know I always have my family to talk to. One of the best qualities of friends and family are that they forgive you, no matter how badly you messed up. I have chosen friends wisely, because I know I can trust every friend, as well as any family member of mine with my life. My friends and family stick with me through it all, and I couldn't be more thankful. "Without them I have no idea where I would be and I know that their love for me is what's keeping my head above the water." (Kelly Clarkson)

Therefore, I love my family and my friends with all my heart, and no matter how hard I try, I could never recompense them for everything they do for me. I don't know how I have been so lucky as to be connected to such wonderful people. My friends and family are irreplaceable.