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You are my oldest friend
Every memory has a place for you
Your voice always in my head
Reminding me to take care of myself
Like the theme song from Fresh Prince
I can trust you to always put me first

The angrier I get the louder your reassurance
Scrutinizing every decision I make
Like an old-world parent
Breathing down my neck
My worst actions trace back to you like
Questioning every sacrifice or act of service
Justifying anything that feels good
Pressuring me incessantly

I hate that you love me