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Hi, my name is alcohol

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Hi.

My name is alcohol. I am your friend.

I promise to be there when you have been abandoned.

I promise to be there when no one else is.

I will protect you from your pain.

I will protect you from yourself.

Let us not become strangers.

There's no need to drown in misery.

Take a sip of me and we will escape reality.

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