



“Tea and sympathy”

Double spouted teapot and lid with brown glaze and floral patterns on the upper half of the teapot. England, 19th Century from the Horniman Collection.

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I am unable to give that solid answer, I would assume it can range from an act of intimacy to a move of diplomacy.

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I associate tea with friends & family. Also as a gesture of hospitality. It reminds me of home & takes me back to conversations & memories of those I have lost.

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I usually only drink
tea when I need to
think, so I make it
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am writing and drink
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Growing up in Russia,
my grandmother used
to collect herbs and
brew her own tea which
she would always
share with me, whether
in person or by sending
me the tea abroad while
I studied.

Now I drink tea alone,
but I still often collect my
own herb... following her recipes.