

# Prodigal

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I always thought prodigal meant  
profligate, dissipated, or debauched -  
such unpoetic but robust words.

There's the story of the prodigal son  
the young man who got an early inheritance  
from his old father and left home  
to spend the wealth  
on whores, and sinful living  
yet when he returned home broke and broken  
his father received him with open arms and tears.

Sadly I can identify with that son  
having spent so much  
in such a way  
over my lifetime.

But a man told me it should be called  
the story of the prodigal father,  
the daddy whose love for his son  
was utterly lavish, reckless, and generous.

Oh, to be a man  
with such an extravagant love!

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