

Andrew son of Jonah

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He's always been my level-headed son
& so I let him wander the wilderness
after his bruised-reed prophet
since he'd always return to mend the nets
& chase another catch I'd thought

Simon was the impetuous one
but Andrew was as steady as a boat on sand
When the Baptiser admitted he wasn't the man
he pointed out the Lamb of God
& Andrew was caught

He followed & brought Simon
& some other local boys along too
What was I supposed to do?
I only had a fishing life
& he had much more to offer than I'd got

I only wish it had been when I was young
that Messiah came not leaving me to fish
& grow old with the same ache in my bones
my two sons following the unknown
leaving me with naught