

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