

On Fatherhood

Fatherhood is not a
person.

It is a function,

a current,

a shaping force.

It is the energy
that gives direction
without dictating it.

The quiet
architecture inside a life

that helps form
meaning,

structure,

and orientation.

It behaves less like
a man in a room

and more like
gravity in a myth:

unseen,

yet capable of
bending experience

around it.

It's not about
lineage or masculinity.

It's about the slow
alchemy

of turning what you
did

or didn't receive

into what you can
finally offer
yourself

and, eventually,
others:

presence

instead of performance.

~ Tim Hogue