

# THE PRODIGAL SONS

(based on *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen) by David Bradshaw - Key of C

G-A-B C C/B Am Am/G

The story is told of the prodigal son,

Dm G A-B-C

Who left Father's love in search of fun.

C C/B Am Am/G

After reckless living in a distant land,

Dm G A-B-C

Empty of all his father placed in his hand.

C C/B Am Am/G

Stripped of his dignity he decides to come home,

Dm G A-B-C

Hoping to regain Father's forgiveness and shalom.

C C/B Am Am/G

As he approaches father to his total surprise,

Dm G A-B-C

He sees only compassion deep within his eyes.

C C/B Am Am/G

He said, "Bring the best robe, sandals and ring,

Dm G A-B-C

My lost son is now found, come, let us all sing!"

C C/B Am Am/G

"Come one and all gather, for a great feast,

Dm G Am

let us now celebrate, my joy is complete!"

Dm Am

From self-hood to son-ship, the father is good,

Em Bm

The journey of each child to reach manhood.

Dm Am

From self-hood to son-ship, the father is good,

Em Bm C-G-A-B

His great love the prodigal now understood.

C C/B Am Am/G

Meanwhile, the elder brother's anger burned,

Dm G A-B-C

resentment grew, away from father he turned.

C C/B Am Am/G

He said: "What have you ever given to me?..."

Dm G A-B-C

For these many years I have served thee?"

C                    C/B            Am    Am/G  
Father now showed mercy to his other son,  
Dm                    G                    A-B-C  
"You are always with me, we are as one...  
C                    C/B            Am    Am/G  
Beloved everything I have is for you...  
Dm                    G                    A-B-C  
As I have, forgive your brother too."

C                    C/B                    Am    Am/G  
Come sons and daughters into Father's arms,  
Dm                    G                    A-B-C  
A loving embrace, free of malice or harm.  
C                    C/B            Am    Am/G  
Join Father's feast at his banquet table,  
Dm                    G                    A-B-C  
Claim your place, He's made you able.

C                    C/B                    Am    Am/G  
Come home, wayward children, come home,  
Dm                    G                    A-B-C  
Be welcomed with joy my child, come home.  
C                    C/B                    Am    Am/G  
Father offers peace for each restless heart,  
Dm                    G                    Am  
Receive His love, it's yours from the start.

Dm                                    Am  
From self-hood to son-ship, now to father-hood,  
Em                                    Bm  
The journey of each life, is destined for good.  
Dm                                    Am  
From self-hood to son-ship, now to father-hood,  
Em                                    Bm            C-D-E.  
God's love for both prodigals is now understood.