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-Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses (Pr. 10:12)
-Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. (Col. 3:20)
-But you, O God, are both tender and kind, not easily angered, immense in love, and you never, never quit (Ps. 86:15)

C.P.S. was no stranger
to him or his brothers.
Life at home meant danger;
he hid under the covers.

He believed addiction was hereditary,
a relentless family cycle.
He thought becoming like Daddy was scary,
but inevitable for Michael.

Child abuse fueled his hatred,
undermining all things sacred.
Cigarette burns met with bruising fists.
He began to wonder, "Does God exist?"

In his future he saw needles and bars
His outlook plagued by still bleeding scars
He drank to forget and smoked to escape.
He ran and he ran but faster was fate.

When God tried to speak,
He turned up his headphones.
Fearing God's critique,
he ignored Christ's atone.

God's unending pursuit won over,
spiritual roots sprouted like clovers.
God took his hatred, guilt and pain.
Replaced it with faith, love and *Grace*
Born-again Michael was set free
from shackles of past memories.

So, he finally made peace with his Father,
for he belonged to a King; he was a son.
He refused to hold a grudge any longer.
The price was paid, it is finished; it is done.

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