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The PARABLE of the Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32

LYRICS

TEEN

Heya Mom, you are the bomb,
but I'm a grownup now that I've been to a prom.
Heya Dad, please don't be sad,
I'll be adulting now cause soon I'll be a grad.

Your boring talk is really rough,
taxes and insurance stuff.
Fun for you but I don't need to know.
I'm feeling stifled in this spot.
I'm not asking for a lot.
Give me everything you got.
It's time for me to go.

I wanna be finally free, no chains on me.
Your curfews and your rules and your boundaries
are not gonna keep me down. I'm ready to do the town.
And I don't need parents around. *Except for the bills.*
I wanna be free to go, so give me a wad of dough.
I'm really gettin' sick and tired or hearing, "No!"
I wanna be free to do whatever I'm wantin' to,
And that want does not include you.
I wanna be free.

DAD or ENSEMBLE

I see.
You are my child.
Though I love you more than I can ever say,
I will not make you stay.
Chase your dreams wild.
And if you find your heart

is hungry for a home,
aching to be known,
please come home to me,
where your heart is truly free.

NARRATOR

She drove off in her red Corvette,
sailed her yacht, flew her jet
to her box seat at the Super Bowl.
But soon the cash and mood were low.
Emptiness began to grow.

TEEN

I'm hungry in my stomach,
but I'm starving in my soul.
Heya Mom, remember me?
I am the kid you used to bounce upon your knee.
Heya Dad, I bet you're mad.
Can I come home to you?
Or have I been too...

ENSEMBLE

You are my child.
Though I love you more than I can ever say,
you're free to walk away.
Chase your dreams wild.
And if you find your heart is hungry for a home,
aching to be known,
please come home to me.
This is where I'll be.
Cause you're truly free
when your heart is home with me.

REFLECTION

Read Luke 15:11-32

- Describe your dream life - where you could spend as much money as you like and do whatever you want.

- What might be some problems with a life like that?
- Can you think of examples where rules or boundaries are good?
- Do you think the Father loved the Teen just the same, even though he knew the Teen was making a destructive decision?
- Do you believe that the Father forgave his Teen and threw a big Party?
- Who do you think the Father in the song represents? Who does the Teen represent?
- In the song, the Teen came home, "...hungry in my stomach, but starving in my soul." What do you think that means?
- We are all sometimes, "...aching to be known" in some ways. Is it possible that the One who created you knows you better than you know yourself?

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