

## FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day invites thoughts of the diversity of fatherhood;  
the real, the imagined;  
the experiences to savor; those to regret.  
The thoughts of being a benevolent parent.

I like to idealize fatherhood.  
Having lost my father early in life.  
Into that void, I propel myself.  
Be a worthy provider, guide, support.

Yet, ideal family relations are difficult to manifest.  
Diverse realities of our lives,  
disassociation of time, place, desires,  
have denied me the joy that my hopes had sought.

As I contemplate this day,  
fatherhood has become an intangible ideal,  
a concept, a dream, an infinite embrace.  
The essence that unites us all in spirit, in a higher truth.

Possibly another time, another place, a goal unto which one evolves.

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