God, the Father

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I was right to fear the God of my father

He is a monster.

Divulging promises of eternal torture

and certain desertion

in the ears

of children

just

trying

to sleep.

Dispensing punishments reserved for Christ

mockery and flogging

on the backs

of children

just

trying

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to grow.

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