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The wind's word,
as well it should since praise is what God is for. Why didn't they call my

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Eben, of course, was Christened Ebenezer, product of Nova Scotia (hallelujah).

Daniel, a country doctor, was his father and my father.
It was his tenth and final boy. A baby and last, he had a baby's praise: red petti-coat, red cheeks, and crow-black hair.
boy has little to say about his hair and little about a

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name like Ebenezer except that he can shorten neither. Praise

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God for that, for that shout Hallelujah. Shout

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Slower

Hallelujah for everything a boy can be that is not his

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Slower
Then before you know it, he is a father too and passing on his...

But

Father or grandfather.

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Father or grandfather.

But

Father or grandfather.

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brand of hair to one more perfectly defenseless boy, dubbing him John or

James or Ebenezer, but never as far as I know, *Hallelujah*, as if
God didn't need quite that much praise.

But what I'm coming to:

could I ever praise my father half enough for being a father who

Pno.
let me be my - self. Sing hal - le - lu - jah. Preach - er he was with a

prophet's head of hair and what but a prophet's name was Eb - e - ne - zer,

Slowing slightly
however little I guessed it as a boy? Outlandish names, of course, are

never a boy's choice. And it takes time to learn to praise. Stone of Help is the meaning of
Eben-ezer. Stone of Help, what fit-ter name for my fa-ther? Always the
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Stone of Help however his hair might grad-u-ate from black to Halle-lu-jah.
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gray-head now with thinning hair. Sing Ebenezzer.

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Robert, sing Hallelujah!