To My Therapist

You have been a patient bystander,
    witness and lantern carrier
    lighting the way.
I saw you first and last as father
    a good man
    raising me up with the warmth
    of acceptance
    and the sturdy intelligence of your words.

The message to look deeper
    at who this self is
    that I call me
    amplifying, clarifying,
    finding the borders
    and then filling in
    the empty, often contradictory space
    inviting me to give up
    an archaic father image
    and replace it with openness
    to new information

Celebrating my growth
    into independence
    by sharing your truth
    and beauty of song and sound
    of adventurous trips
    stretching out your borders
    knowing your own self better
    teaching and touching

I honor your being,
    and thank you for being there for me.

    From Your Client
    Miriam Bassuk

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