The Fruitless Fig
Luke 13:6-8
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The owner walked his vineyard, to see what he could see,
   And came across a fig tree, as barren as could be.
   For such unfruitfulness, he ordered it cut down,
   It was a waste of space, and just using up his ground.
The gardener pled, however, and made a stirring case,
   To give it just another year, a season yet of grace.
   And if it still did fail, to bear a crop of fruit,
   He’d saw it down himself, and pull out the useless root.
The owner gave consent, extended mercy’s hand,
   And gave another chance, to stay the harsh command.

The Master doesn’t tell us, what happened to that tree,
   If it bore good figs at last, or remained in futility.
   It’s a warning to us all, to use our gifts and grace,
   To bear fruit for our Owner, and put smiles upon His face!
   Are you using all, that the Master’s given you?
   Producing much good fruit, doing all that you can do?
   Or are you squandering time, just taking up your space,
   Wasting opportunities, and frittering away His grace?
   Take your chance today, use branch and trunk and root,
   To glorify your Owner, and to grow for Him, much fruit!