

The Prodigal Son of Compute

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He came when Compute was young and raw,
when racks were few and answers rare.
He stayed when nights were long, alarms loud,
and every failure asked for calm.

He knew the wires, the chips, the code,
but more than that—he knew the work:
to stand steady, to teach quietly,
to fix the hard things without noise.

From first bring-ups to billion-dollar scale,
from war rooms to whiteboards,
from legends whispered to systems running
his fingerprints are everywhere.

He never sought the spotlight,
yet became the compass.
Never raised his voice,
yet moved the room.

And now he steps away; not gone,
but carried forward
in every engineer he shaped,
every principle he lived.

Prodigal Son of Compute
you gave, you built, you held us together.
What you leave behind
will keep running for a long, long time.