

Charpentier — *Filius prodigus*

**Part IV**  
*The elder brother arrives*

**16. Then from the fields the elder brother**

A Solo with Basso Continuo

*Solo (Narrator)*

Then from the fields where he had worked came the el - der  
bro - ther, heard the sound of merr - i - ment, heard the sound of merr - i - ment, a -  
-round him, when he un - - der - stood he faced his fa - ther so an - - - gri - ly:

**17. O my father**

T Solo with Basso Continuo

*Solo (Elder Son)*

O my fa - ther, hear me, who am I? Am I not your el - der  
son? And have I not been faith - ful to you and all your in - struc - tions have I not o -