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Strange Fruit Student Annotation

Southern trees bearing a strange fruit (what is a strange fruit)

Blood on the leaves and blood at the root (what does it mean to have blood on the root)

Black bodies swinging in the Southern breeze (southern breeze where the wind is south to the north)

Strange fruit hanging from the poplar trees (poplar trees have a strong root steamy)

Pastoral scene of the gallant South (pastoral it to keeping or grazing of sheep)

The bulging eyes and the twisted mouth (bulging is to swelling outward)

The scent of magnolia is sweet and fresh (a type of flower)

Then the sudden smell of burning flesh. (sudden mean done calmly and quickly)

Here is a fruit for the crow to pluck (crow to pluck is an issue to discuss)

For the rain to wither, for the wind to suck (what does it mean when wind sucks)

For the sun to rot, for the trees to drop (how can the sun rot?)

Here is a strange and bitter crop. (strange means to be unknown)

Originally published as a poem in 1937 by [Abel Meeropol](#), depicts Southern trees bearing

“strange fruit.”