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Strange Fruit: 1820 or 2020?

'Merican trees bearing strange fruit
Blood in the seas and God at the roots
Black bodies bleeding in the Southern streets
Strange fruit hanging through the centuries

Kleptocracy of the gallant south
Splitting human rights with its twisted mouth
Civil dysphonia, mean and fresh
Then the sudden smell of burning flesh

Here is a fruit for Jim Crow to pluck
For police to gather, left to run amuck
Thrown in jail to rot, for the peace to drop
Here is a strange and bitter crop