Strange Fruit
AaRON (France)

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Standard tuning: EADGBE
(Piano arranged for guitar)

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Bm              A G
  Southern trees
                F#
  Bearing strange fruit
Bm                    A G
  Blood on the leaves
                   F#
  And blood at the root

Em                                          Bm A
  Black bodies swinging in the southern breeze
  G                    F#          Bm         A  G  F#
  Strange fruit hanging from the poplar trees
Em               Bm             A     G  F#
  Pastoral scene of the gallant south
Em                    E
  And the bulging eyes and the twisted mouth

Bm          A          G          F#
  The scent of magnolia sweet and fresh
Em                      Bm  A  G  F#            Bm A G F#
  Then the sudden smell of        burning flesh

Bm               A  G                F#
  Here is a fruit   for the crows to pluck
Em
  For the rain to gather
Em
  For the wind to suck
Em
  For the sun to rot
Em              Bm  A  G  F#
  For the trees           to drop
Bm              A   G         F#     Bm
  Here is a strange  and bitter crop
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