

Strange Fruit
Abbey Lincoln

Intro: Am G/B E7 Am Em7 Am Am G/B E7 Am Em7 Am

Am Em7 Am A9 Am E7
Southern trees bear a strange fruit
Am Em7 Am A9 Am E7
Blood on the leaves and blood at the root
Em5-/7 E7/9- Fdim E7
Black bodies swinging in the southern breeze
Am Em7 Asus4 A9 Am
Strange fruit hanging from the poplar trees
Piano interlude: Am G/B E7 Am Em7 Am
Am Em7 Am A9 Am E7
Pastoral scene of the gallant south
Am Em7 Fdim E7
The bulging eyes and the twisted mouth
Am Em7 Bm5-/7 Em7 A9 Am E7
Smell of magnolia, sweet and fresh
E7/9- Bm5-/7 Fdim E7
Then the sudden smell of burning flesh
Am Am7+ Dm Dm7 E7
Here is the fruit for the crows to pluck
Am E7 Gdim F E7
For the rain to gather, for the wind to suck
Em5-/7 A A7M Gdim Fdim E7
For the sun to rot, for the tree to drop
Am A9 Am E7 Bm5-/7 Em5-/7 E7 Am
Here is a strange and bitter crop