

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