

Strange Fruit

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Moderately

South - ern trees bear a strange fruit,

blood on the leaves and blood at the root, Black bod - y swing-ing in the

South-ern breeze, Strange fruit hang - ing from the pop - lar trees. —

Chord symbols: Cm, G7, Abdim, Dm7-5, G7, Cm, G7, Cm, Fm, Cm

(Humming)

Cm Bdim Cm G7

Faster

Pas - tor - al scene of the gal - lant South, the bulg - ing eyes and the

mp

Cm G7 Cm Dm7-5

twist - ed mouth, Scent of mag - no lia sweet — and fresh, and the

G7 Cm Bdim Cm G7

sud - den smell of burn - ing flesh!

Bdim G7-9

Tempo I

poco a poco cresc.

p Here

is

a

fruit

for

the

crows

to

pluck,

for the

Cm

Cm7

A $\flat$ 9

G7

rain

to gath - er,

for the

wind

to suck,

for the

sun

to rot,

for a

Bdim

G7

Cm

tree

to drop,

(Hum)

Here

is

a strange

and

B $\flat$ 9

Dm7-5

Cm

G7

Cm

bit - ter

crop.

(Hum)

G7

D $\flat$ 9

Cm

C7

Cm