

# STRANGE FRUIT

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Slow Ballad

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$B\flat m$   $C7\flat 5(\#9)$   $F7$   $B\flat m6$   $B\flat m$

$B\flat m$   $G\flat 7$   $F7$   $B\flat m6$

South - ern trees bear a strange — fruit. Blood on the leaves

$G\flat 7$   $F7$   $Cm7\flat 5/E\flat$   $Cm7\flat 5$

and blood at the root. Black bod - y swing - ing in

$E\flat m/B\flat$   $A7\#5$   $B\flat m/A\flat$   $Am7/G$   $F$

the south - ern — breeze. Strange fruit hang - ing from the

Bbm/F Ebm Bbm/Db

pop - lar trees.

C7#5(#9) F7#5 Bbm6 Bbm F7

Pas - tor - al scene — of the

Bbm A+ Bbm/Ab Gdim Gb7b5 F7

gal - lant South. — The bulg - ing eyes — and the twist - ed mouth.

Bbm F7b9 Bbm Eb9 Bbm/Db C7b5

Scent of — mag - no - lia sweet and — fresh, and the sud - den smell of

Chords: Gb7, F7, Bbm, Gb7, F7

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burn - ing — flesh. — Here is a fruit for the crows to pluck, for the

Chords: Ebm6, Ebm6/C, Ebm/Bb, A7#5

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rain — to gath - er, for the wind to suck, for the —

Chords: Bbm/Ab, N.C., Ddim7, Ebm7

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— sun to rot, — for a tree to drop. —

**Freely**

Chords: B9b5, Bbm6, Gb7, F7, Bbm6

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— Here is a strange and bit - ter crop. —