

Poem

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36. Verb Base Form
37. Adjective
38. Verb Present Ends In S
39. Noun
40. Verb Base Form
41. Verb Base Form
42. Verb Base Form
43. Noun Plural
44. Adjective
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Is [____ Verb Base Form ____] a lynching. It cannot [____ Verb Base Form ____] the [____ Noun ____],
[____ Noun ____], or [____ Noun ____] as they make their way home.

It cannot [____ Verb Base Form ____] them from that home,
[____ Noun ____] in the dirt, body [____ Verb Present ends in ING ____] with fear. It cannot
[____ Verb Base Form ____] a [____ Noun ____] corded and [____ Adjective ____] enough
to [____ Verb Base Form ____] the knot, to [____ Verb Base Form ____] the weight.
A heavy [____ Noun ____].

It cannot find the [____ Noun ____] to make the [____ Noun ____],
nor [____ Verb Base Form ____] a tree with branches high enough,
thick enough. It cannot [____ Verb Base Form ____] a tree healthy enough
to accommodate the sudden [____ Verb Base Form ____] of death.

It cannot be the mob, [____ Verb Present ends in ING ____] the [____ Noun ____].
____ Adjective ____] the [____ Noun ____]. It cannot hoist the [____ Noun ____] and keep it taut
while the body is fraught and then stiff

and then limp and sodden. It cannot be the fluid

that [_____ Verb Present ends in S _____] down the leg of the [_____ Noun _____]

nor the [_____ Adjective _____] eyes, the slobber and the spittle.

It cannot be the mob [_____ Verb Present ends in ING _____] the [_____ Noun _____], heavy as coal.

[_____ Verb Present ends in ING _____] like earrings. It cannot burn,

blowtorch, and brand the [_____ Noun _____].

It cannot be the [_____ Verb Present ends in ING _____] and [_____ Verb Present ends in ING _____] of the mob.

It cannot be a father, [_____ Verb Present ends in ING _____] his child up

onto his shoulders for a better view.

It cannot be the [_____ Verb Base Form _____] of light and [_____ Verb Base Form _____] of the old camera.

It cannot be the postcards later sold as keepsakes,

nor the [_____ Adjective _____] carnival float,

decorated with streamers and balloons,

that [_____ Verb Present ends in S _____] the [_____ Noun _____] through town.

A poem cannot [_____ Verb Base Form _____] Mary Turner in the night.

It

cannot [_____ Verb Base Form _____] the heat of her blood,

nor [_____ Verb Base Form _____] her [_____ Noun Plural _____] in gasoline.

It cannot reach [_____ Adjective _____] inside

and [_____ Verb Base Form _____] the child from her.

It cannot be the [_____ Noun _____] of a boot

that [_____ Verb Present ends in S _____] eight months of life.

It cannot [_____ Verb Base Form _____] her, Now you will never be

your mother, [_____ Verb Present ends in ING _____] on your knees in the dirt.

It cannot carry the [_____ Noun _____] home in a [_____ Noun _____]

or [_____ Verb Base Form _____] the body with a firewood axe.

It cannot [_____ Verb Base Form _____] a stake through the head and place the stake

into the ground on a well-traveled road. It cannot [_____ Verb Base Form _____] the head there

until the sun or the birds or the vermin have their way.