

Poem

1. Verb Base Form
2. Verb Base Form
3. Noun
4. Noun
5. Noun
6. Verb Base Form
7. Noun
8. Verb Present Ends In Ing
9. Verb Base Form
10. Noun
11. Adjective
12. Verb Base Form
13. Verb Base Form
14. Noun
15. Noun
16. Noun
17. Verb Base Form
18. Verb Base Form
19. Verb Base Form
20. Verb Present Ends In Ing
21. Noun
22. Adjective
23. Noun

24. Noun
25. Verb Present Ends In S
26. Noun
27. Adjective
28. Verb Present Ends In Ing
29. Noun
30. Verb Present Ends In Ing
31. Noun
32. Verb Present Ends In Ing
33. Verb Present Ends In Ing
34. Verb Present Ends In Ing
35. Verb Base Form
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
45. Verb Base Form
46. Noun
47. Verb Present Ends In S
48. Verb Base Form

49. Verb Present Ends In Ing
50. Noun
51. Noun
52. Verb Base Form
53. Verb Base Form
54. Verb Base Form

Poem

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.