

# **LYNCHING**

POETRY

*James Washington, Jr.*

I.

Fanciful picnic,  
rope metronome, craft baskets,  
smoked meat, fine napkins.

II.

Sweet apple dumplings,  
Minister's prize pecan pies,  
salted fried chicken.

III.

Parasols plenty,  
biscuits & honey & jams,  
blessed clear-eyed blue sky.