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How can I love the neighbor
as my self
who voted for a guy
who summoned a lynch mob?
Should I even try?
Perhaps they didn't know
when they voted. So
now that they do,
what do they do:
send money to support the guy
who lied and lied and lied and lied?
deny the noose? deny
the five who died?
And yet I've come to understand
the clarity
the enormity
of the task at hand.
The Kingdom may not ever come
to those like me, too mute, too dumb,
too tired, too scared to figure out
the time has come to shout.
How can we love our neighbors—
how did we decades ago?—
who lynch their kneeling neighbors?
I confess, I do not know.

James B Nichola