Snapshot

Trent Lott took a whip as long as a car off his office table, where it lay coiled and shiny brown, and said to my one male schoolmate who grinned at Lott enthusiastically:

Let's show 'em
how us good old boys do it.
And then he swung that whip
through the air and cracked it
above our heads again and again.
I remember the experience in my bones.

Trent Lott portrayed by Jesmyn Ward