

# After Appomattox

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The Confederates should have hung  
from trees and gallows throughout the south  
to celebrate the spring of 1865.  
The renegade states- Virginia, Georgia,  
Texas, and the rest- should have lost their names  
and been reconstrued as fresh new territories.  
The lands the hung once held by deed  
should have been reclaimed as public lands  
and granted to the aboriginals and slaves  
the worst of the Dutch and English deprived  
of land and liberty. As a son of the south,  
I would never have been born- a small  
price to pay in order not to suffer  
an endless loathing of personal history.

