

Let America be America Again

I am the poor white, fooled and pushed apart,
I am the Negro bearing slavery's scars.
I am the red man driven from the land.
I am the immigrant clutching the hope I seek—
And finding only the same old stupid plan.
Of dog eat dog, of mighty crush the weak.

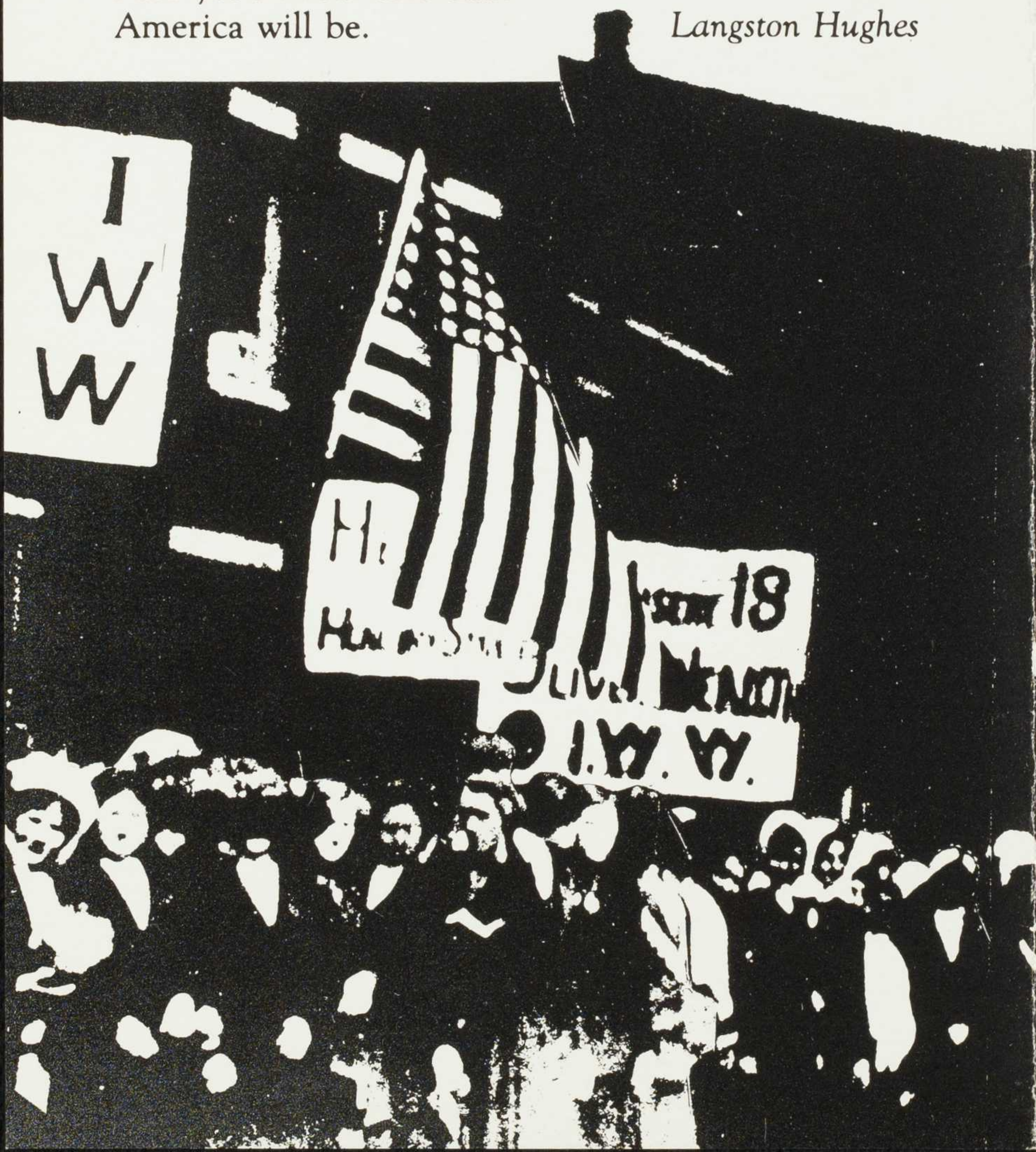
O, let America be America again—
The land that never has been yet—
And yet must be—the land where everyone is free.
The land that's mine—the poor man's, Indian's,
Negro's, ME—

Who made America,
Whose sweat and blood, whose faith and pain,
Whose hand at the foundry, whose plow in the rain,
Must bring back OUR MIGHTY DREAM again.

Sure, call me any ugly name you choose—
The steel of freedom does not stain,
From those who live like leeches on the people's lives,
We must take back our land again,
America!

O, yes
I say it plain
America never was America to me.
And yet I swear this oath—
America will be.

Langston Hughes



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