

For James Means,

written in 2 bullets

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James is a boy's name,

derived from Jacob, and
which means, supplanter,

which means to take the place
of. What I mean is this:

there was a boy, James by name,
who couldn't help but live up to,

even if it meant death, the meaning
of his name; decided to wear

the last black-boy-turned-hashtag's coat,
and now, good job, dumb, *ignorant-of-*
his-place boy, is the newest one.

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I'm sure there is

someone
somewhere

who would still say *I don't know*
what this all means when it is clear

that if a man sees you as nothing
but a "piece of trash,"

he affords himself the right
to take you out. What he doesn't
care to know is that he also took
out with him when he did,

a boy, nay, a bulb

that once would "light up a room, even
on the darkest of days" and left his kinfolk with
an incomprehensible darkness.