

Run And Tell That!

Original Broadway Cast

Hey Trace, my mom's pitching a platter party at our record shop
Up off North Avenue, wanna come check it out?
May I also come check it out?
Oh, you surely may

I've never been to North Avenue
Would it be safe up there for, you know us?
Yeah, don't worry cracker boy, it's cool
Imagine, being invited places by colored people, it feels so hip
Well I'm glad you feel that way, friends, 'cause not everybody does

I can't see why people look at me
And only see the color of my face, yes they do
And then there's those that try to help, God knows
But have to always put me in my place

Now I won't ask you to be color blind
'Cause if you pick the fruit, then girl, you're sure to find

The blacker the berry, the sweeter the juice
I could say it ain't so, but darlin', what's the use?
The darker the chocolate, the richer the taste
And that's where it's at, now run and tell that

(Run and tell that)
Run and tell that
(Run and tell that)

I can't see why people disagree
Each time I tell them what I know is true
And if you come and see the world I'm from
I bet your heart is gonna feel it too

Yeah, I could lie but baby, let's be bold
Vanilla can be nice
But if the truth be told

The blacker the berry, the sweeter the juice
I could say it ain't so, but darlin', what's the use
The darker the chocolate, the richer the taste
And that's where it's at

Now run and tell that
(Run and tell that)
Run and tell that
(Run and tell that)

Run and tell that
(Run and tell that)
Run and tell that
(Run and tell that)

Hey, you're Tracy Turnblad
You're my favorite dancer on the Corny Collins show
This is my sister, li'l Inez
Yeah, I saw you at the auditions

Well, you're the only one who did, 'cause they kicked me out
On my young, gifted and black behind
Tell 'em girl

I'm tired of coverin' up all my pride
(So give me five on the black-hand side)
I've got a new way of movin' and I got my own voice
(So how can I help but to shout and rejoice)

The people 'round here can barely pay their rent
They're tryin' to make dollar out o' fifteen cent
But we got a spirit, money just can't buy
It's deep as a river, it soars to the sky

How we're seeing it
(I can't see)
The reason it can't be the kinda world that where we all get our chance
(The time is now)
And we can show them how to turn the music up and let's all dance

'Cause all things are equal when it comes to love
Well, that ain't quite true 'cause when a push comes to shove

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I could say it ain't so, but darlin', what's the use
The darker the chocolate, the richer the taste
And that's where it's at

Run and tell that
(Run and tell that)
Run and tell that
(Run and tell that)

You better run and tell that
(Run and tell that)
Run and tell that