

Manhattan Transfer

"Offbeat Of Avenues"

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Artist: The Manhattan Transfer

Song: The Offbeat of Avenues

Album: The Offbeat of Avenues

THE OFFBEAT OF AVENUES (lyrics by Cheryl Bentyne and Don Freeman)

Big blues in the city, trailin' the main stroll (a kitty)
Cup o'joe, get witty. At Deuce's Cafe, it's the mostest
hideway

Mez muggles "Flip Zooty Flim Plant you now solid, dig
you later Slim"

First you crawl then you walk, scat then you talk
Hear the cool, feel the heat of the
Rhythm of the offbeat of avenues
Help me, he blew his wig
(Lay it on)

He plays gutbucket doghouse on the stand
(Really gone)

Hear that Gabriel's growl
Break it up, Beat it out.

The canary has got a frame
(She can chirp)

And some high-jiver knows her name
(Dig his vine)

Cats all friskin' their whiskers...Ow
(Jam is on pops)

I collar all jive, give me five
(Now you dig, alive)

So I know you're alive
In the dim you've arrived
Cruel lips, whisper baby
Pulse of the neon, she's crazy

Smokin' eyes, get hazy
Like beauty to beast,
"You're the most to say the least"

(Do you have any) Monk,
Cozy Red, Yank or Prez?

Let's cut some rug gate these skins are a mess
First you crawl then you walk, scat then you talk
It's nirvana, it's attitude

Rhythm of the offbeat of avenues
(Repeat Chorus)

(Boutoot, Two-finger-like lickin'...This cat, is hot

friskin'...
The jam is on now)
First you crawl then you walk
(Man she's a blip)
Scat then you talk
(Ofay plays hip)
Comp...Rest...Rhythm of the off beat...
(Wacky Interlude)
(Repeat Chorus)
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