

## Original Broadway Cast "Run and Tell That!"

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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

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

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

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