

AUDITION SIDE

FOR COLORED GIRLS WHO HAVE CONSIDERED SUICIDE WHEN THE RAINBOW IS ENUF

lady in blue

olà

my papa thot he was puerto rican & we wda been
cept we waz just reglar niggahs wit hints of spanish
so off i made it to this 36 hour marathon dance
con salsa con ricardo

‘sugggggggggggar’ ray on southern blvd
next door to this fotografi place

jammed wit burial weddin & communion relics
next door to la real ideal genuine spanish barber

up up up up up stairs & stairs & lotsa hallway
wit my colored new jersey self

didn’t know what anybody waz saying
cept if dancin waz proof of origin

i was jibarita herself that nite
& the next day

i kept smilin & right on steppin
if he cd lead i waz ready to dance
if he cdnt lead
i caught this attitude

i'd seen rosa do
& wd not be bothered
i waz twirlin hippin givin much quik feet
& bein a mute cute colored puerto rican
til saturday afternoon when the disc-jockey say
'SORRY FOLKS WILLIE COLON AINT GONNA MAKE IT
TODAY'
& alla my niggah temper came outta control
& i wdnt dance wit nobody
& i talked english loud
& i love you more than i waz mad
uh huh uh huh
more than more than
when i discovered archie shepp & subtle blues
doncha know i wore out the magic of juju
heroically resistin being possessed
oooooooooooooh the sounds
sneakin in under age to slug's
to stare ata real 'artiste'
& every word outta imamu's mouth waz gospel
& if jesus cdnt play a horn like shepp
waznt no need for colored folks to bear no cross at all