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## *Shout Black Mingus, YEAAMEN!*

*From Charles Mingus*

Hallelujah, Black Brother, SHOUT Hallelujah,
Black Sister! Shout BLACK!
Black is the color of my skin – ain't no Whitey gonna change my Black Beauty, Lord!

I say SHOUT at Wednesday nite prayer meetin's, shout HALLELUJAH LORD, HALLELUHAH!

Hallelujah Black Sister, dance, DANCE down
the aisle – SHOUT Black Beauty, BLACK BEAUTY, the color of my SKIN!

DANCE, DANCE down the streets, Black Brother, SHOUT
LORD, LORD, ain't no Whitey gonna change my BLACK BEAUTY, We're with you Lord!

YEAAMEN, HALLELUJAH! Black, BLACK BLACK BLACK! is the color of my beauty, LORD!

SHOUT IT! SHOUT IT! Dance it!
YEAAMEN Lord! HALLELUJAH! BLACK, IS THE COLOR OF MY SKIN!

*SHOUT, SHOUT, AND DANCE, THE COLOR OF MY SKIN – BLACK BEAUTY!*

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