

## Running

Gil Scott-Heron

Because I always feel like running  
Not away, because there is no such place  
Because, if there was I would have found it by now  
Because it's easier to run,  
Easier than staying and finding out you're the only one...who d  
idn't run  
Because running will be the way your life and mine will be desc  
ribed  
As in "the long run"  
Or as in having given someone a "run for his money"  
Or as in "running out of time"  
Because running makes me look like everyone else, though I hope  
there will ever be cause for that  
Because I will be running in the other direction, not running f  
or cover  
Because if I knew where cover was, I would stay there and never  
have to run for it  
Not running for my life, because I have to be running for somet  
hing of more value to be running and not in fear  
Because the thing I fear cannot be escaped, eluded, avoided, hi  
dden from, protected from, gotten away from,  
Not without showing the fear as I see it now  
Because closer, clearer, no sir, nearer  
Because of you and because of that nice  
That you quietly, quickly be causing  
And because you're going to see me run soon and because you're  
going to know why I'm running then  
You'll know then  
Because I'm not going to tell you now