

# Side Four

*(Mother Superior enters. The Nuns quiet)*

## MOTHER SUPERIOR

Deloris, Deloris, you must leave at once. I've just spoken with Officer Souther. He's taking you away.

## MARY PATRICK

Deloris? Who's Deloris?

## MOTHER SUPERIOR

The patrol cars have blocked off Arch Street. It's time to get your things, Deloris. I believe the sisters need to hear this from you.

## DELORIS

Sisters—I have something to tell you. I'm not really a nun.

*(A slight "Huh?" from the sisters.)*

I'm not really a Catholic.

*(A slightly larger "Huh?" from the sisters)*

## MARY LAZARUS

You're really a Negro though, right?

## DELORIS

Yes. That part is true.

## MARY THERESA

Oh thank God. We love that part.

*(General agreement from the sisters)*

## DELORIS

You see I'm a singer. And I was dating a very bad man. And I saw him murder someone. And I'm going to court to say that. But first I had to hide from him. Here.

## MARY PATRICK

So you lied to us.

## MOTHER SUPERIOR

*(To Deloris)*

You should leave now.

## DELORIS

I'm sorry.

*(Beat. No response)*

Well I guess this is goodbye then.

## MARY MARTIN-OF-TOURS

*(stepping out)*

"For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing; and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."