

from Evie Shockley's
The New Black

you can't deny it

cast of characters

speaker an african american woman

you an african american woman

→ roster of emotions

pride
puzzlement
connection
defensiveness
pleasure
understanding

setting: dinner, early 21st century

selected bibliography: *annie allen*, brooks

quicksand, larsen

the bluest eye, morrison

wine: cabernet sauvignon, \$10/glass

[blackens]

speaker: your hair^{style} darkens \rightarrow \updownarrow you_{texture}

[browns]

[enter roster of emotions, variously and all at once.]

roster of emotions: [at/on the table.]

historical allusions

1. rampart street

2. harriet jacobs

3. *a red record*

4. b.a.m.

5. *vogue*

6, etc.

the ~~end~~

a. ~~same~~ old story

b. continuing saga

c. fuck?, what

d. possibilities for new developments should be nurtured, as should the souls
of *speaker* and *you*

e. script!, flip/rip/skip/slip/encrypt

(to be acted [upon])