

# Run Johnny, Run

Ralph McTell

Well, it's over the wall and across the yard  
Till he was on the other side  
And the cold night air upon his brow  
And he commenced to run under the cover of night  
And he never knew he could run so fast  
As the cold night air burned in his chest  
And his steps faster than his beating heart  
And gracious moon to light his way

And it's run, Johnny, run  
Run, Johnny, run  
You better run, Johnny, run into the light  
Of the rising moon

And the briars and the brambles tore his skin  
And there's times he fell down but got up again  
And his steaming breath in the starry dark  
He was straining his ears for the guard dogs' noise  
And that's why he run through that icy stream  
For to throw them dogs from off of his scent  
And although he knew it would slow him down  
Well, they would not know which way he'd gone

And it's run, Johnny, run  
Run, Johnny, run  
You better run, Johnny, run into the light  
Of the sinking moon

The sun arose in the eastern sky  
He stole some clothes from a farmer's line  
And the shivering damp in the morning light  
He hid his overalls right there  
Bright morning air for to fill his lungs  
And he run to the tune that in his heart sung  
And it's easier now his way to find  
Though easier too for them behind

So you'd better run, Johnny, run  
Run, Johnny, run  
You better run, Johnny, run into the light  
Of the sinking sun

Run, oh, run, oh, keep on running  
Till the moon and no one can find you, Johnny boy  
Run, oh, run, oh, keep on running  
Till the moon and no one can find you, Johnny boy

As the sun collapsed in the western sky  
And hung with the world twixt night and day  
But a misty moon had begun to climb  
And with each tired step a new star shone  
And it's run, Johnny, run  
You gotta run, Johnny, run  
You better run, Johnny, run  
Into the light of the rising moon

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