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**Writing for Blue Light**

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2. Duke Ellington, *Music Is My Mistress* W H Allen 1974, p181.
3. Tucker, *The Genesis of Black, Brown and Beige,* in *Black Music Research Journal*, vol.13 no.2, Fall 1993, Centre for Black Music Research, Columbia College, Chicago, p80. *Halliwell's Film Guide* (2000 Edition)*,* p145; p732, which has *Secrets of the Underground*, a film about Nazi spies*,* not *Secrets of the Underworld*.

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