

# Funky Knutts – Songs to give you that Friday Feeling! (Week 10)

Happy damn Friday again folks.

I hope the week has been kind to you all and that you have exciting things (like sleeping and wearing PJ's for an entire day) planned for the weekend. We have a fairly quiet one tomorrow and then Sunday (weather permitting) we are off for a walk with some lovely friends which will be nice. The kids always love seeing each other – their forever friends they call them because they've all known each other since birth. Cute eh?!

This week my song choice is a tribute to a wonderful man called Mark. Mark was a childhood friend of my dad and uncle growing up, getting into all sorts of mischief together, and they have stayed in touch over the years despite their lives taking them in various directions. Sadly, he passed away the other week, very unexpectedly, and he has left behind his wife, children, grandchildren, family and friends. It's never easy losing someone, but when it is so out of the blue, and that person was larger than life, it's so very hard to take. I'll be thinking of my dad, uncle and all of Mark's friends and loved ones at 2:45pm today.

Mark was a HUGE Northern Soul fan, as are my Dad, Uncle and all their friends. They would (and still do) go to lots of gigs, pull on their skinny jeans like they did when they were lads and tear up the dance floor with their smooth moves. They loved nothing better than spending time together like this and it's never going to be the same for them without this wonderful chap in their lives.

This song I have chosen is a Northern Soul classic. It is

always one to get people up on the dance floor so I've chosen it in homage to this wonderful, larger than life, chap. Mark.  
Get on down up there funk soul brother.



*"Live each day like it's your last and be thankful for each sunrise and sunset you see".*

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**Song: Tainted Love**

**Artist: Gloria Jones**

**Year of release: 1964**

**Genre: Soul**

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Born in Los Angeles in 1945, Gloria Jones was a Soul singer who started singing at the age of just 7. Sadly her original version of Tainted Love wasn't a hit for her at the time of its release, though it did do very well in the clubs up north where the Northern Soul movement was booming, and it was made famous by Soft Cell covering it in 1981 where it reached #1.

The song has gone down in history as a Northern Soul classic and Gloria was known as 'The Queen of Northern Soul' because of this song.