

Funky Knutts – Songs to give you that Friday Feeling (Week 12)

Friday is here again which means it's time for this week's Funky Knutts!

This week has been a fairly standard one in the Knutter household, which is nice actually. Normal is good after the tragic events of this week which have been all over the news. I have tried to make the most of 'normal' moments as much as possible, even changing the toddlers crap nappies...well, maybe not that but you know what I mean.

One good thing to come out of this week was bagging a couple of tickets to see a band me and Mr Knutts love for later in the year. That band is, Metallica. I know they aren't everyone's cup of tea, and they weren't mine when I first met hubster, but after listening to them as the years went by, I began appreciating what amazing musicians they are and I have come to love this band.

My favourite album of theirs is one they recorded live with the San Francisco orchestra back in 1999. You probably wouldn't assume classical orchestra's and heavy metal go together, but believe me, they do. Metallica's music blends so seamlessly with the classical instruments and this album is now in my top 5 albums of all time. It's just brilliant and I can loose myself in it for ages.

So, roll on October when we get to see them. I feel very lucky that, all being well, I will have seen the Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Guns and Roses and Metallica by the end of the year.

Life is all about experiences and not things...

Song: Nothing Else Matters

Artist: Metallica

Year of Release: 1991

(This San Francisco Orchestra performance is from 1999)

Genre: Heavy Metal/Rock

**Rock on Knutters, and happy
damn Friday!**

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Oh! Hello there Friday you beautiful beast you!

(See what I did there? Beauty? Beast? It's out today in the

cinema isn't it – not that my boys are at all interested so I think I might have to go and watch it by myself one evening...with gin in a can as company).

We have had a fairly good week – minimal chaos to report other than the Ben (my 3 year old) pouring half a cup of M&M's on the living room floor and running them over with a pedal tractor we currently have indoors. I was cross at the mess, but even more cross at the senseless destruction of some delicious M&M's. WTF dude?!

This weeks song is by a band that I LOVE. Literally, I love them so much that their music would probably be on my desert island discs should I ever compile a list. They're unusual, supremely talented and I can loose myself in their songs for hours on end.

Ladies and Gents, I give you, Alt-J.

Song: Fitzpleasure

Artist: Alt-J

Year of Release: 2012

Genre: Indie/Rock

Fact – if you press 'Alt' and 'J' on your apple keyboard, it will type a Triangle or Delta Sign, which is Alt-J's symbol.



Alt_J hail from Leeds, UK. The band met when they went to Leeds University together. Their drummer, Thom Green, suffers from a condition which means he is 80% deaf. He plays amazingly well despite his condition.

The band were unable to use Bass Drums or Bass Guitars in their student halls, so this is why their sound is so unique.

Haunting, melodic, rock/folk at it's best.

I was lucky enough to see these guys at Reading Festival a couple of summers ago and they were, for me, one of the best acts of the night.

Funky Knutts – Songs to give you that Friday feeling! (Week 9)

Oh, hello there Friday you beautiful thing you! Bringer of evening Gin and Tonics, Breaking Bad catching up and Chocolate scoffing. I sodding well love Friday evenings.

I hope you've all had a good week.

So, last week I got my rocks off (oh, er!) and chose the Foo Fighters epic, Everlong, this week, I am going back to the 80's with a rock classic. Stevie Nicks, it's over to you.

I cannot help but want to strut around my kitchen like Iggy Pop when this song is on. It makes unloading the dishwasher a

damn sight more fun. My eldest son, Luke, also loves this song thanks to an obsession with the film, School of Rock, in which the song features. We sing it to each other at the top of our voices and normally end up playing a bit of air guitar by the end (which he is way better at than me).

Artist: Stevie Nicks

Song: Edge of Seventeen

Year of release: 1982

Genre: Rock

Stevie Nicks, known as the Queen of Rock and Roll, was born in 1948. She is best known for being in the band, Fleetwood Mac.

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(Week 1)

This week, for the start of the year, I am starting a new weekly post which will be called, Funky Knutts!

See what I've done there?!

Always Knutts with me isn't it. Knutts on the brain.

Each Friday I will post a song that gives me that Friday feeling and by the end of the year, we should end up with a playlist of 52 songs to keep you grooving!

I *LOVE* my music. Funk, Soul, Rock, 80's Power Ballads, Chilled out tunes, Club classics...you name it, I probably love it. I think years of dancing made me really appreciate different music genres and I love finding new music to tickle my musical taste buds too.

Luckily for me, my parents also have great taste in music and I was bought up listening to some amazing songs.

So, here is this weeks song!

Song: I know you got Soul

Artist: Bobby Byrd

Year of release: 1971

Genre: Funk/Soul

I absolutely love this song. Bobby Byrd was an underrated singer I think, and somewhat overshadowed by his Funk soul brother and musical companion, James Brown. They sound pretty similar don't you think? And you can't beat a funky guitar riff!

Bobby Byrd began his career in 1952 as member of the gospel group the Gospel Starlighters, who later changed their name to the Avons in 1953 and the Five Royals in 1954, before settling with the name the Flames in 1955 prior to James Brown joining the group. Byrd was the actual founder of The Flames and is credited with the discovery of James Brown. As group founder, and one of the longest-serving members of the group, Byrd was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame posthumously in 2012. Byrd helped to inspire the musical aspirations of James Brown, who launched his career with Byrd.

I defy anyone to not want to get their groove on whilst cleaning the house with this playing!

Happy damn Friday!

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on Pushing the Moon

“Where words fail, music speaks”.

During the summer, I saw a message in a blogging group asking for bloggers to send over their music playlists to be featured over on a wonderful blog called Pushing the Moon, written by a lovely lady called Catherine.

I am OBSESSED with music, literally all types but I hold a special place in my heart for anything with a catchy guitar riff, and so I jumped at the chance and sent over my playlist.

Because I love music, it was a really hard choice to whittle it down but I went with my top 10 songs off my go-to playlist which I have on my iPhone called, ‘My happy place’. If I’ve had a crap day, I am feeling a bit down or I just want to listen to something awesome, I go to ‘My happy place’ and wack the volume up. Everything seems so much better once I’ve had a sing along (sorry neighbours) to some awesome music.

If you’d like to read more of Catherine’s blog (she is a really super writer) and follow her on social media, you can do so by clicking the links below.

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Pushing the Moon

So, without further ado, click the link below to see my playlist choices – Assume air guitar positions, ruffle up your hair, smudge on some eyeliner and get your rock on!

[**You can read the post over on Catherine's blog, Pushing the Moon, and listen to my playlist here!**](#)

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Thanks for having me Catherine!

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