

Brent Newbold (Aging Teen Idol) – Time Of Your Life (Friday Night)

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It's a Friday night, 06/10/1978, I'm in Dundee and I'm going to the Caird Hall, I'm a young teenager amongst older teenagers and many want-to-be teenagers, one of the greatest, if not the greatest, pub rock band of all time, Dr. Feelgood, are about to enter the stage. It's a helluva of a night, the crowd have been crazy and we leave to the anthemic pub anthem 'Milk and Alcohol'. It's a night forever etched on my mind.

Fast forward the years and we could be anywhere on a Friday night but we're very lucky as Brent Newbold, an Aging Teen Idol is about to enter the stage. The Fun Lovin Criminals, another great party animal band with their song 'Friday Night' describe their Friday in a gentler fashion, not Brent he's playing at high speed straight away.

'Time Of Your Life' is a punk /60's style Rock and Roll driven song with not an 'Oi Oi Oi' in sight. We're removed from the troubles of the world for night as he suggests :

'You always have tomorrow'

Brent clearly can sing but he sings with an edge comparable to Jimmy Pursey of Sham 69. He gets his message across – life is short enjoy yourself.

So, we should, there is much to enjoy, the aforementioned backing vocals highlight lyrics that need highlighted, the drums drive the song along at considerable pace with some cracking fills as well, the drums partner in crime, bass guitar, keeps it simple, perfect, adding to pushing forward of the song. A rocking guitar solo straight out the Chuck Berry or Ronnie Wood (especially when with The Faces) handbook. They'd both be proud of this, it is punch the air stuff.

Gigs are on their way back, thankfully, safely we hope and perhaps many bands will be in demand.

Wouldn't it be great to be in a 'sweat bucket' venue on a Friday night having the time of our lives?

Wouldn't be great if we could feel like there was :

'No time to worry about the future'

Wouldn't it be great if we could all be teenagers again and revisit a few Fridays going to see cracking bands of whatever genre?

Wouldn't be great if entering the stage was an aging teenager called Brent Newbold!