

# Funky Drummer

James Brown



## Clyde Stubblefield's Drum Break

Clyde Stubblefield's drum break, on the James Brown track: "Funky Drummer", is one of the most sampled recordings in music. This "break beat" has been used by artists such as: Public Enemy, Prince, RUN DMC, Salt-N-Pepa, DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince, De La Soul, LL CoolJ, George Michael, Fatboy Slim, Sinead O'Connor, Fine Young Cannibals, Dr. Dre, Labrinth, Nicki Minaj and Queen... To name a few. "Funky Drummer" was recorded in Cincinnati, Ohio, and originally released as a two-part 45 rpm single in 1970.

In interviews Clyde said that he wasn't angry that he never received any royalties for the use of his drum break in other songs. He stated to Modern Drummer magazine that he wasn't thinking about money at the time, just about playing music, travelling the world and having a good time. He was proud of his work and the recognition that he'd received from people all over the world.

One artist who did reward Clyde, for use of his drum break, was Prince. He donated \$80,000 towards Clyde's medical bills when he was diagnosed with cancer in the early 2000s.

The image displays the musical notation for Clyde Stubblefield's drum break in 4/4 time. It consists of four measures of music, each with a drum staff and a bass staff. The notation includes snare, bass, and hi-hat patterns, with various rests and accents. The first measure starts with a snare on the first beat, followed by a bass on the second beat, and a snare on the third beat. The second measure has a snare on the first beat, a bass on the second beat, and a snare on the third beat. The third measure has a snare on the first beat, a bass on the second beat, and a snare on the third beat. The fourth measure has a snare on the first beat, a bass on the second beat, and a snare on the third beat. The notation is written in a standard musical notation style, with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature.