

Aside

Steve FM

Buying a walkman was the best thing Steve had ever done, without the ability to escape into the headphones, he would probably have gone mad.

Like many people has little radio station inside his head. It has a tendency to play the same song over and over again until something purges it. Here are highlights of the Steve FM playlist during his period of illness.

Here is a sort of Top Ten.

Number 10

It's Nobodies Fault But Mine

Led Zeppelin

There's a lot of guilt involved in being ill. Deep down inside perhaps Steve was feeling it too.

Number 9

Empty Bed Blues

Bessie Smith

Apparently the first track to contain the words "Woke Up This Morning" and played on Steve FM after his conversations with others in the ward just after the lights came on.

Number 8

Look Wot You Dun

Slade

The lyrics go "Hey, hey, look what you've done" (Steve refused to accept the poor spelling and the bad grammar), but found himself occasionally singing this to doctors or nurses after some procedure that involved blood.

Number 7

It's Got to Get Better in a Little While

Derek and the Dominoes

Speaks for itself really.

Number 6

They're Coming to Take Me Away (aha).

Napoleon XIII

There were times when Steve felt his grip on sanity weakening and also, because of the number of tests he was having, people were constantly coming to take him away.

Number 5

Goodness Gracious Me.

Peter Sellars

This is possibly for two reasons. Firstly, the doctor who first diagnosed the illness was a bit Peter Sellars and secondly, every time someone took his pulse, Steve thought he could hear it going *boom-biddy-boom-biddy-boom-boom-boom*.

Number 4

The Theme From M*A*S*H

This is disturbing as the theme from MASH is called *Suicide is Painless*. This is not the kind of thing you want to be singing in a cancer ward.

Number 3

Radar Love

Golden Earring

Possibly because it's about going home. Steve spent a lot of time thinking about going home.

Number 2

Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow

Fleetwood Mac

He spent a lot of time thinking about tomorrow as well.

Number 1

There Was I, Digging This Hole

Bernard Cribbens

To this day, Steve has no idea why this would play on Steve FM, but it did. Maybe a psychiatrist could explain it.

One song that's not playing on Steve FM is Walking on Sunshine by Katrina and the Waves (or Walking on Bloody Sunshine by Katrina and the Bloody Waves, as Steve refers to it). This is because it's upbeat nature and the it's recent chart success made it a favourite with hospital radio. Every time he put on the headset, every time he went somewhere with piped he got Happy Smiley Katrina with her happy, happy, smiley sunshine bollocks.