



## NEW SINGLE: I Keep Walkin' – COOLSTAR feat. Liam Wakefield



**I Keep Walkin'** is the latest single from **COOLSTAR** – a band that combines experience with youth. Featuring world class musicians with dozens of hit records behind them – and some of the best British newcomers – it's a powerful combination!

It's sung by **Liam Wakefield of Horsham, West Sussex**, alongside the **Coolstar** rhythm section that includes: **Mike Hugg of The Manfreds (Manfred Mann)** on keyboards and **Ian Duck (Hookfoot and Elton John)** on harmonica. The memorable strings are by **Graham Preskett**, who part-arranged and plays on, the classic **Baker Street** by **Gerry Rafferty** – and has worked with **Cher, Paul McCartney, Tom Jones, Jon Bon Jovi, Hans Zimmer**, among others.

### **Afghanistan Veteran Fights Illness With Music**

Liam joined the British army at 19 and served on Op Herrick 15 with 1st Battalion Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, turned to music after being diagnosed with Pseudoxanthoma elasticum – a debilitating condition which left him in constant pain, caused his eyesight to falter and led to him suffering depression.

"Being told I can't be a soldier anymore was the most heart-breaking moment of my life, so to be able to pick a guitar up and turn to music with as much passion as I had for soldiering has been the thing that has saved me from a really dark place," says Liam.

### **COOLSTAR Musicians**

Vocals from **Liam Wakefield**.

Drums, Guitars – **Nicholas Bowen**. Nick is an accomplished musician, producer, engineer and co-owns Quay West Studios in Hampshire, UK.

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**Mike Hugg**, keyboards kindly helping out – still touring and playing the **Manfred Mann** hits. Between 1964 and 1979 Manfred Mann scored three British Number One hits – plus two more Number One hits in America plus another seven that went Top 5 and six more that made the Top 10 - **The Mighty Quinn** (Quinn The Eskimo), **Do Wah Diddy Diddy** .....

**Ian Duck**, harmonica, formerly a member of **Hookfoot** (Elton John's original backing band) – and he played harmonica on **Groovin' with Mr Bloe** which got to no. 2 in the UK charts.

**Graham Preskett**, strings, is an accomplished musician, composer and arranger. He arranged part of - and played on **Baker Street**, by **Gerry Rafferty**. He's worked with **Cher**, **Paul McCartney**, **Tom Jones**, **Jon Bon Jovi** and many more. He's happy on stage too with many appearances ranging from classical guitarist **John Williams**, through **Deep Purple**, **Mott the Hoople** and **Gryphon** to **Hans Zimmer**. He played mandolin in the motion picture **Captain Corelli's Mandolin** – and in **Bridget Jones's Diary**.

Bass player **Jack Turnbull** is about to start his MA at the Guildhall School of Music, London – studying the double bass, so that makes him pretty cool!

**Gethyn Jones**, keyboards and backing vocals.

## Homelessness

In the UK research found that almost 10% of people aged 16 to 24 were "always or often" lonely - the highest proportion of any age group - higher than people aged 65 and over.

Meanwhile, it has been estimated that approximately 60 million people in the United States, or 20% of the total population, feel lonely.

**Liam Wakefield** is available for interview.

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