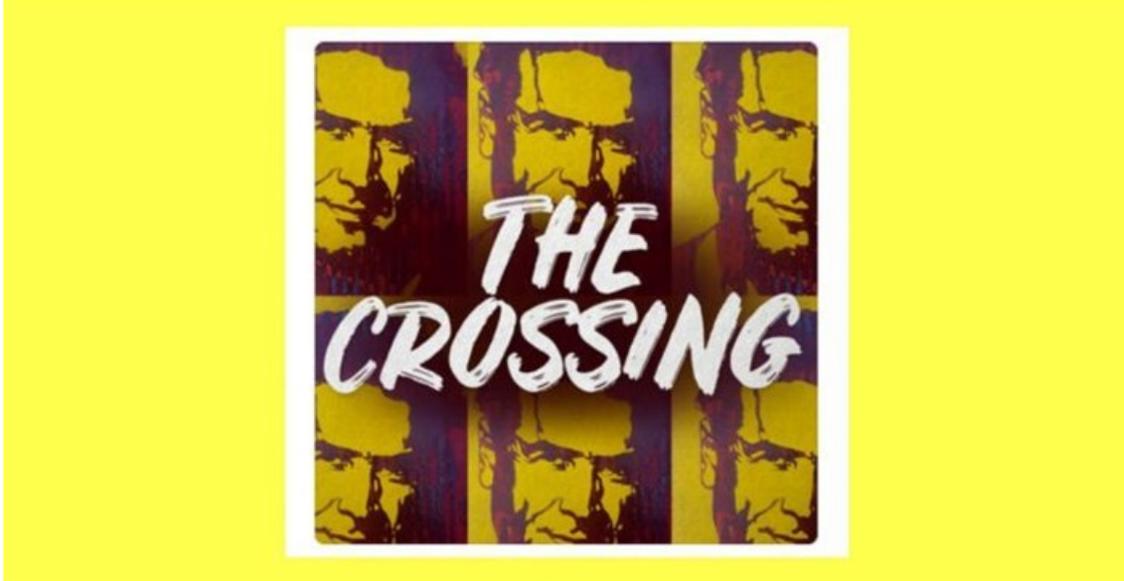


Twitter thought Johnny Clegg died after tribute went viral

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Legendary musician Johnny Clegg was trending on Twitter on Thursday afternoon after a tribute version of his song *The Crossing* was released on YouTube.



Feature image: screenshot, Apple Music.

His son Jesse Clegg, Andre Fenter, Jack Parow, Jimmy Nevis, Karen Zoid and a host of other South African musicians feature on the track.

According to Zoid's YouTube channel, "a group of well-known musicians came together to celebrate the life and work of Clegg and recorded a special version of his song".

Though the message was merely a celebration of the man and the launch of his new charity fund, South Africans were quick to assume that Clegg had died.

“ I almost had a heart attack when I saw Johnny Clegg. Thank God it's good news. pic.twitter.com/TkbAm6DIQy— ProudMary (@Proud_Mary1990) [December 6, 2018](#) ”

“ Johnny Clegg can't be trending without warning. Thought the geezer had kicked the bucket for second... pic.twitter.com/8j51CjSqy0— number number zola fan account (@Sphosomhle) [December 6, 2018](#) ”

“ Am I the only one that thought the worst when they saw Johnny Clegg trending? 2018 has been rough. pic.twitter.com/WUCevDqHFO— Jozi-Wan Kenobi (@RandsnSense) [December 6, 2018](#) ”

“ I saw "Johnny Clegg" on the trend list, and my heart sank.. we are so used to expecting bad news.— Ms_Gupta     (@African_Spring) [December 6, 2018](#) ”

“ *"Johnny Clegg" Trending? Dont play that rough people. I thought he actually did the crossing*
pic.twitter.com/85WJrAOzvK— Deelee Mogale (@Deeleenquent) [December 6, 2018](#) ”

“ *Howblessed is "Johnny Clegg" though, I though he was trending because he was...you know! Kganthe neh, it's net a major tribute, wow!*— Activistar (@Mkay_Azania) [December 6, 2018](#) ”

“ *My heart almost stopped when I saw Johnny Clegg trending* 🎉🎉🎉🎉— @Boitshepo Metane (@BoitshepoMetane) [December 6, 2018](#) ”

“ *Is Johnny Clegg trending because y'all wondering why he's trending?!🎉🎉🎉🎉🎉🎉 Sometimes I hate South Africans*
pic.twitter.com/41WAvKONks— RyanAME (@pharoe_le) [December 6, 2018](#) ”

“ *Relax guys, Johnny Clegg is still alive and well* pic.twitter.com/zc0SAib6gF— Man's not Andile (@therealandile_) [December 6, 2018](#) ”

To quell fans' fears, Jesse Clegg posted a tweet acknowledging *The Crossing* tribute made to his dad.

“ *Hugely proud to be a part of this incredible song and initiative for my dad.Massive thanks to all the artists & organizations for taking part. Please share and let's raise funds to improve literacy and computer skills for young underprivileged students*<https://t.co/xnTsGdc7ov>
— Jesse Clegg (@Jesse_Clegg) [December 6, 2018](#) ”

Over fifty South African artists were part of this tribute, and, according to [Channel 24](#), it was performed for Clegg in a private gathering.

“ *It has been the greatest honour of my career to work on this track.* ❤️👍❤️👍❤️👍❤️👍❤️👍❤️👍❤️👍❤️👍❤️👍❤️👍
<https://t.co/OvkrSTvZm9>— karen zoid (@karenzoid) [December 6, 2018](#) ”

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