Step One
Clap your hands,
absorb the attitude.
Everything is on the one
to highlight the backbeat,
the slap bass line,
kick and snare.
It's syncopated madness.
Understand the basic
complexity of rhythm
and punch home their point
with repetition.

Step Two
Bite your lip,
gyrate your hips,
allow dance moves
to become sloppy,
raze your lips.

Step Three
Haunted by ghost notes,
your mind will improvise.
Raise your glass
and shake your ass
until only the vibe remains.

Step Four
The song won’t stop
without a fight or flourish.
Anthemic vocals, extensive vamps,
a wah-wah pedal press towards
the boogie down come up.
This flame won’t dissipate.
The scent of sweat
and seduction linger, waiting
to be christened as funk.

Step Five
Resist any temptation
to retreat, to step back
through the cobwebs
of the mundane
or watch the party
fade to black
from across the room.
Embrace the funk.
Live for it. Die for it.

Caution
The funk can be your
golden and gritty path
to a destination
we’ve all imagined
but never quite been.
Don’t be afraid.
If you are lucky,
you may get lost
and found
in the same groove.

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