

Jackie's quote speaks to the uprootedness of Black folks through the institution of slavery, which worked in conjunction with the violent and genocidal United States project that has and continues to displace, disappear, and murder Indigenous communities (especially women, femmes, and LGBTQ2S+ folk). We also see how trans women of color continue to be some of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of society, and experience sexual violence and murder at alarmingly high rates. We recognize that the institution of white supremacy also creates and enforces a false gender binary. White queers need to listen to and believe and center the words of trans folks of color. We have so much to learn from QTPOC folk about ungendering bodies and liberating gender!



"Most people are planted in them, uproot yourself. Get into your own soil. You may be surprised who you really are" - Jackie Shane



Jackie Shane (May 15, 1940 – February 21, 2019) was trans rhythm & blues and soul singer who was a regular performer in Toronto in the 1960s. Originally from Nashville, Tennessee, Jackie Shane intentionally left the Jim Crow South to relocate to Canada, which she felt was more affirming. She is best known for the single "Any Other Way", which was a regional Top 10 hit in Toronto in 1962.

Use the QR Code to check out a fantastic online history of Jackie Shane, by Tobin Ngi



QUEER AND TRANS FOLKS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HERE!

We can excavate and amplify queer and trans histories - with the caveat that we always respect people's right to self-represent and to tell their own stories! I choose zines as my queer intervention, but there are endless ways that queer and trans folks have always expressed stories!

I first learned about Jackie Shane from my dear friend, Dr. Lauren Guilmette. Not only is Lauren a brilliant philosopher, she has been a delightful co-conspirator in thinking about philosophy of archives, queer and trans creative expression, and using different lenses to see how queer and trans folk have always been here.



I am also grateful to Shepherd Tsosie, my amazing partner, who has taught us about Dilbaa (Diné 4th Gender), who found that frameworks for understanding the world beyond the gender binary already existed for them. They've reclaimed Dilbaa from scraps in the archives, and filtered them through an Indigenous lens. They are using Dilbaa possibilities to explore non-binary Indigenous futures!



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