

## Ethos Jazz Remote Rehearsal Week 1

[https://youtu.be/e\\_dH1RMWQsg](https://youtu.be/e_dH1RMWQsg)

Dear Ethos Jazz,

I had the opportunity to connect with Kris Berg, composer of “Talk is Cheep” this week. I told him that we have played a couple of his tunes, No Spring Chicken, and now Talk is Cheep, and asked him if he would share a few notes about the latter. Please see his notes below!

I’ve attached the recording of “Aaron’s Blues” and “Talk is Cheep” for you to practice along.

1. **Aaron’s Blues:** <https://safeyoutube.net/w/irs2>
  - Solo sections: Everyone should practice soloing on this Blues in F, perfect for Midstate Jazz work!

[http://www.kendormusic.com/solo\\_mate/4/42979/Aarons\\_Blues\\_m1-24.mp3](http://www.kendormusic.com/solo_mate/4/42979/Aarons_Blues_m1-24.mp3)

[http://www.kendormusic.com/solo\\_mate/4/42979/Aarons\\_Blues\\_m72-83.mp3](http://www.kendormusic.com/solo_mate/4/42979/Aarons_Blues_m72-83.mp3)

- #25, **saxes** work to play this line strong through #27, work on the soli #52-#71
- #35, **brass** should be strong and the main focus, #84-end brass focused practice, SWING Hard!
- #48-71, rhythm section focus, and #84-end.

2. **Talk is Cheep:** <https://safeyoutube.net/w/3rs2>

Please observe the comments directed to Ethos Jazz below:

Kris Berg’s words:

“Sure. I’m listening to “Talk is Cheep” right now and will make some comments.

Bass, not every note is important. Ghost the lower notes.

Sax melody, be sure there is enough of the tenors so it doesn't sound too thin.

Really capture the half time feel.

2nd time - bari sax can HONK! Accapella section. Really be crisp everyone! Get funky.

Soloists realize this is a rock tune. Aggression, heavier articulation, louder volume are all characteristic.

Rhythm section hold a great groove to inspire.

Get big during the shout chorus. Be sure to save some earlier in the chart, so that there is room to get bigger here.

The extra high notes are not required!!

Nice and tight on the ending!!”

Thanks for asking! Tell your kids to get funky and have a groove time!

God bless,

kris