

So, I know pretty much nothing about jazz, but that's not going to stop me reviewing 'Midnight Blue', by Kenny Burrell. You know what? I think I'll do a good job. I might go into weird directions, but I'll be insightful, or at least use correct grammar most if not all of the time. Let's start with something positive: Mr. Burrell is still alive at the time of writing. He's 89 years old! Let's pray he doesn't die immediately after posting this review. It would be like 'get away from me, voodoo witch doctor' and 'Simon, you're the devil', and stuff like that, but I'll take a chance and keep writing, anyway. I remember my secondary school guitar teacher kept (unsuccessfully) trying to force jazz onto me, and this was one of the albums. I do like it, just not that much. I certainly didn't care for it at the time. Tbh, I was annoyed my teacher never taught me metal like I wanted him to. Fortunately I was an apathetic person back then, so in hindsight I wasn't into learning anything. Therefore, I don't have to be annoyed at the guy. However, I could have easily blamed my lack of motivation on him. I'm actually kicking myself that I didn't, because I came across as lazy.

In an alternate reality, could I be a good guitar teacher? No. Because I'd keep forcing metal on jazz fans. Pay back. Well not really. That never happened in the few lessons that I gave, but it wouldn't surprise me if in the end, I got a not-fully-with-it elderly student and I tried to persuade him that he does actually like the more aggressive genre. Of course that could be perceived as manipulative or even cruel, but in my world, I would simply be opening the guy up to a new style, which could only be a good thing, no? And who hasn't seen those metal grandad videos on Youtube? They actually get lots of likes, so there you go. The granddads aren't necessarily taken seriously, sometimes they get laughed at, but maybe one day at least one will be. Again, forcing an OAP to play metal in front of a camera would be a form of abuse, so maybe I should stop thinking of the idea, before I start taking it TOO seriously. I don't know what crime I'd be charged with, maybe a new one will have to be made up just for me, but it wouldn't be good.

Anyway, the album! Wikipedia shows it has (at least) two 5 star ratings, and one rating that's 3 and half stars out of 4. In other words 4.375 out of 5. Doesn't that sound overly precise to you? Sounds like a joke to me, and the website is supposed to be serious. Huh. Here's a tip for you: If you ever see someone saying 'Hmm... After careful consideration, I give this thing... 8.674228 out of 10', thumb that video down. He's making it up. And do you know who gave the 4.375 rating? The Penguin Guide to Jazz Recordings. Wow, penguin - the silliest of all birds. Very funny. I've just been trolled. Apparently the album features Bill English on drums. He's not to be confused with Billie Eilish. That would be EXTREMELY weird. Not only does she not play the drums, she wasn't even born when the album in question was released. HOW WOULD THAT WORK??? That's the kind of question that could drive you mad. Again, things have improved since I was a teenager, and I no longer consider the female pop star playing drums before she was a born a plausible theory. Phew!

In conclusion, the album got two great reviews from serious sites, and a very strong review by 'The Wacky World of Pingu' or whatever the site was called. I guess a compliment is a compliment. My dog actually ate this release twice, showing he really likes it, too. Does it taste better than other albums? Only my pet could say. On the subject of eating things with no nutritional value, here's a joke: 'What was the man who ate objects called? Pica-Chew!' Sadly however, it turns out 'pica' (the condition where people eat spades/shoes/trampolines or whatever for fun) isn't

pronounced 'Peeka' like the Pokemon character, but is actually pronounced 'Pie-ka'. Dammit. Joke ruined. Will it end up on my site's joke section? I don't know. What does The Silly World of Wiedemann Comedy Randoms give the album? I think 3.65 out of 3.99. Very good! Bye!