

## Joe Beck Trio – Girl Talk (2003)

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01. *Gingi* (8:01)
02. *Emily* (7:07)
03. *Girl Talk* (7:17)
04. *Have You Met Miss Jones?* (6:53)
05. *Laura* (4:08)
06. *Little Girl Blue* (5:18)
07. *Nica's Dream* (5:42)
08. *Ruby* (5:22)
09. *Sophisticated Lady* (4:50)
10. *Stella By Starlight* (3:59)

Personnel includes:

Joe Beck (guitar);

Joey DeFrancesco (organ);

Idris Muhammad (drums).

Studio and session guitarist Joe Beck was well known for hits when backing vocalist Esther Phillips on *Kudu* in the '70s, although his session credentials over the years also included the likes of Miles Davis, James Brown, Paul Simon, Frank Sinatra, and Gil Evans. During the '80s he made a series of competent fusion and pop-jazz recordings for DMP and had a big hit recording with Dave Sanborn on CTI in 1975. His career continued into the '90s and beyond with albums like 1991's *Relaxin'*, 1997's *Alto*, and his 2000 collaboration with Jimmy Bruno, *Polarity*. Beck was active throughout most of the new millennium's first decade with recordings on a variety of labels, including a number of CDs on Whaling City Sound, such as 2002's *Just Friends*, 2007's *Tri07*, 2008's *Coincidence* (a duo recording with John Abercrombie), and 2009's *Golden Earrings*. The latter album, featuring Beck and singer Laura Theodore performing music made famous by singer Peggy Lee, proved to be Beck's final recording -- the guitarist was diagnosed with lung cancer soon after work on *Golden Earrings* had been completed and died

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from complications of the disease in July 2008 at age 62. ---Ron Wynn, Rovi

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