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Dear You,

I’ve moved house. This time from Brunswick to Brunswick East. We said goodbye to Miss Norma and headed three kilometers down the road. The new house is now all set up but because Melbourne is back in COVID-19 lockdown my saxophone lessons have moved back onto Zoom. Miss Norma may have hit the peak of all the eccentric neighbors I have lived next door to but my new next door neighbor is not exactly smooth sailing. He is extremely private and I have been trying hard not to break his spirit with my saxophone practice. This has involved me building a Jazz Cave in my bedroom whenever I practice. I actually almost enjoy building the jazz cave as much as saxophone practice itself. Each cave I build has different levels of satisfaction. Today’s design saw me starting with the queen sized bed as a base then positioning two chairs, one on either side of the bed. Over the two chairs I draped the queen sized doona then slowly brought the two chairs closer together until the gap between the two sides of the doona was just saxophone size. Next
I covered the doona in several blankets and a couple of dressing gowns that were lying around, then gently an external structure using as many pillows as I could find around the house. The final touch was just to throw any old crap that was lying around the room on top of the pillows which this time included a yoga mat, a futon bolster plus a few cardboard boxes and rolls of tape that were on the bedroom floor. And then I was ready to play. Standing with my knees bending to edge of the mattress the saxophone was well enclosed inside the jazz case and I was already using a saxophone mute and the bedroom windows are double glazed. I worked through the modes in C, F, B♭ and E♭ hoping my next door neighbour was not plotting my death meaning this could be the last Jazz Case I ever build. We were trying to come up with a name for the new house and had almost settled on 'Place In The Sky' but I'm really feeling 'The Jazz Case' tonight. I hope I like here for a while. I'll speak to you again soon.

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