

Exercise 4

3 1 2 2 ♩ 1 1 2 ♩ ♩ 1 2

2 ♩ 1 1 2 ♩ 1

♩ 2 1 1 ♩ 2 2 1 ♩ ♩ 2 1

1 ♩ 2 2 1 3 2

Exercise 5

3 1 2 ♩ 2 ♩ 1 2 1 2 ♩ 1 2 ♩

2 ♩ 1 2 ♩ 2 1 ♩ 2 ♩ 2 1 ♩

1 ♩ 2 1 2 1 ♩ 2 1 3 2

It should be noted that by changing the F# to an F natural the tonality becomes C major. Later, for convenience, we will take advantage of this alternative.

Now, go back and play exercises 1 through 5 with an F natural rather than an F#.

Notes:

Examples from Bars 3 and 4

C \sharp position - - - - , C position - - - - , B position B \flat position

B-7 E7 B \flat -7 E \flat 7 A-7 D7 A \flat -7 D \flat 7

2 3 1 2 2 3 1 2 2 2 2

C \sharp position - - - - , C position - - - - , B position B \flat position

B-7 E7 B \flat -7 E \flat 7 A-7 D7 A \flat -7 D \flat 7

2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 2 2

C \sharp position - - - - - , C position - - - - , B position B \flat position

B-7 E7 B \flat -7 E \flat 7 A-7 D7 A \flat -7 D \flat 7

3 2 1 2 1 1 2 1 2 2 2

C \sharp position - - - - , C position - - - - , B position B \flat position

B-7 E7 B \flat -7 E \flat 7 A-7 D7 A \flat -7 D \flat 7

2 1 2 2 1 1 2 2 2 2

Notice that the target note is not necessarily played first. On bars 2, 4, 6 and 8 continue previous patterns from the earlier bars.

Notes:

Track 2

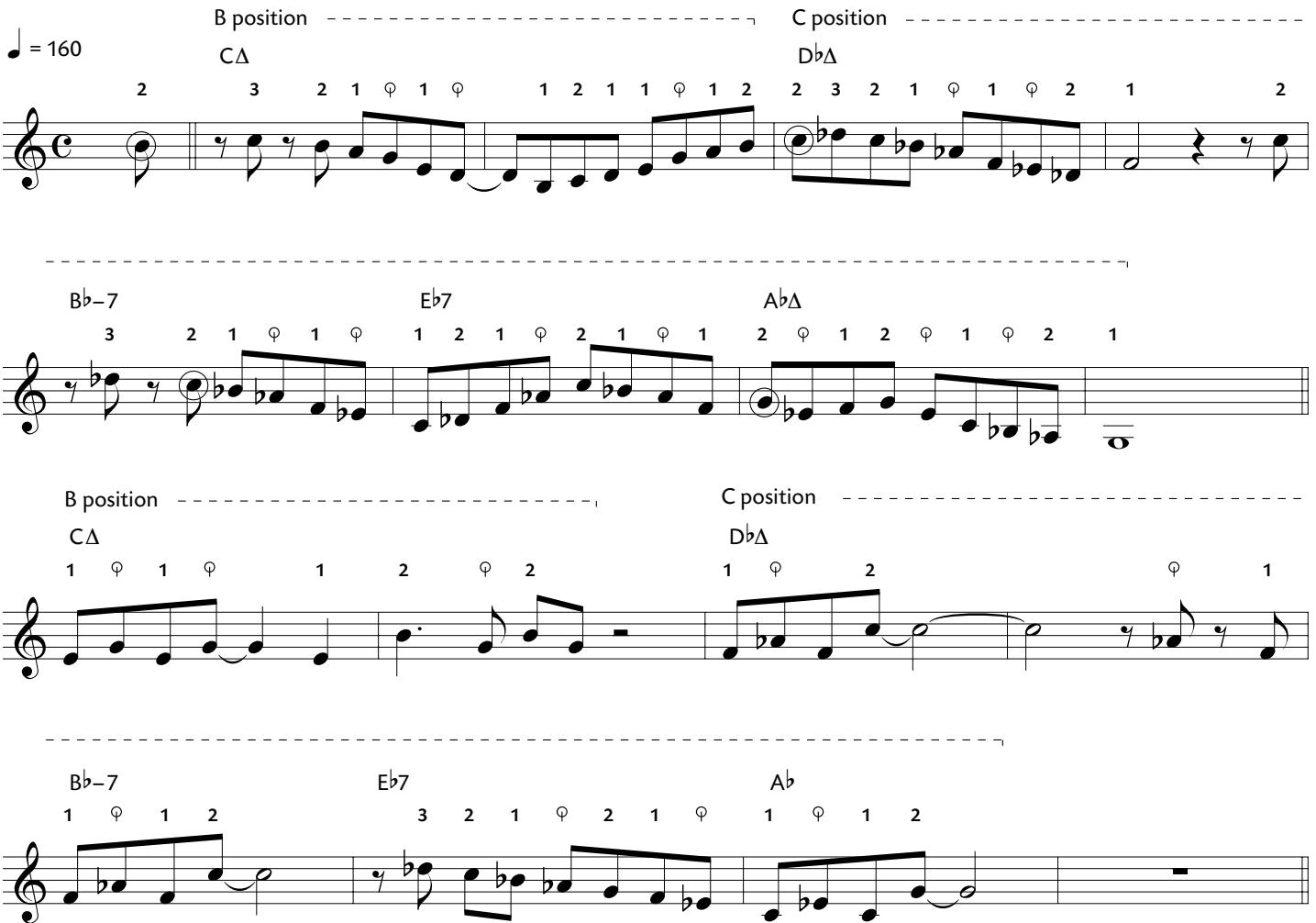

A DREAM – SOLO EXAMPLE

B position ----- C position -----
CΔ ----- **D♭Δ** -----

B♭-7 ----- **E♭7** ----- **A♭Δ** -----
 3 2 1 ♀ 1 ♀ 1 2 1 ♀ 2 1 ♀ 1 2 ♀ 1 2 ♀ 1 2 1 ♀ 1 ♀ 2 1 ♀ 1

B position ----- **C position** -----
CΔ ----- **D♭Δ** -----
 1 ♀ 1 ♀ 1 2 1 ♀ 2 1 ♀ 1 2 ♀ 1 2 1 ♀ 1 ♀ 1

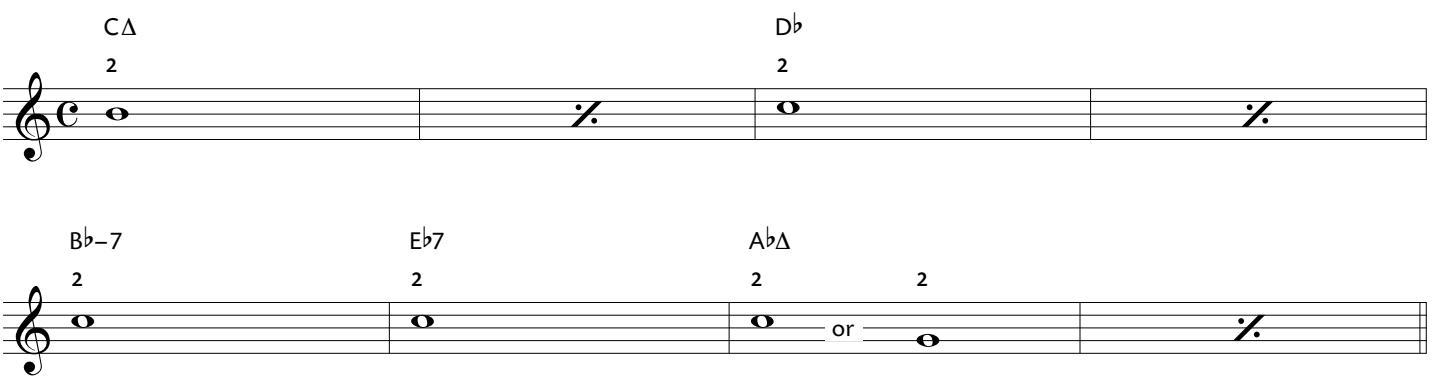
B♭-7 ----- **E♭7** ----- **A♭** -----
 1 ♀ 1 2 3 2 1 ♀ 2 1 ♀ 1 2 ♀ 1 2 1 ♀ 1 2 1 ♀ 1



Now, create your own solo by hitting the targets.

CΔ ----- **D♭** -----
 2 ----- 2 -----

B♭-7 ----- **E♭7** ----- **A♭Δ** -----
 2 ----- 2 ----- 2 or 2 -----



Track 6

LAZY FROG – SOLO EXAMPLE

B position ----- | **D position** ----- | **G position** ----- |
 ♩ = 208 A-7 D7 C-7 F7 F-7 B♭7
 1 2 1 ♫ 2 1 2 1 ♫ 2 1 2 3 1 2 1 ♫ 2 1 2 ♫ 2 1

Notice in bars 3, 4 and 5, the G position is targetted on the D string. Now, create your own solo an *Lazy Frog* using the target positions.

A-7 D7 C-7 F7 F-7 B♭7
 2 2 2 2 2 2

The Harmonic Minor Scale

Until now all the modes we have played have been derived from the major scale. We have seen that when there is a I, VI, II, V, I, in a major key, the one major scale will sound good throughout the progression.

We will now employ the harmonic minor scale. This scale functions in a minor key just as the major scale does in a major key. For instance, in a I-, VI \flat , II \flat , V+7, I-, the one harmonic minor scale will work throughout the progression. Before moving on, practice playing the harmonic minor scale in all the keys. The scale is constructed like this:

1, 2, \flat 3, 4, 5, \flat 6, \sharp 7, 1.

The B Position HM

We now go back to the B position to incorporate the harmonic minor scales across the strings in the thumb position – the target finger again will be the second finger on the B natural above the G harmonic on the G string. The first finger will be over an A and the thumb will now be over a G \sharp . The third finger will again be on the C natural one half step above the B natural. As we cross to the D string however, the second finger will play an F natural. The G \sharp to the F natural is the interval which gives us the harmonic minor tonality.

Now we will study the complete A harmonic minor scale in the B position.

The Notes in the B Position (A Harmonic Minor Scale)

Fretboard diagram illustrating the notes of the A harmonic minor scale in the B position across four strings (G, D, A, E). The notes are:

- G string: 3, 2, 1, ♀
- D string: 2, 1, ♀
- A string: 2, 1, ♀
- E string: 3, 1, ♀

The 'Target' finger is shown on the G string at the 2nd fret.

Now, improvise your own solo on *Now Here* by hitting the targets and giving special attention to the A harmonic minor portion of the tune.

The diagram consists of four horizontal lines representing a staff. It is divided into four measures by vertical bar lines. Chord targets are indicated above the staff:

- Measure 1: GΔ (two dots)
- Measure 2: B♭-7 (two dots)
- Measure 3: E♭7 (two dots)
- Measure 4: Harmonic minor (dashed line) - B-7 (two dots), E7(b9) (two dots)

A dashed line separates the first four measures from the next four measures:

- Measure 5: A-Δ (two dots)
- Measure 6: E7(b9) (two dots)
- Measure 7: A-Δ (two dots)
- Measure 8: B♭-7 (two dots)
- Measure 9: E♭7 (two dots)
- Measure 10: A-7 (two dots)
- Measure 11: D7 (two dots)

Notes:

In this next example, we see at first looks like I, VI, II, V, I, in the key of G. However, the VI chord is a dominant seventh with a $\flat 9$. This is a very common progression and should be studied carefully. For the last two beats of bar one, we use the A harmonic minor scale by targetting the B natural on the G string. The next sequence is II-V, in the key of G major. So, we are still targetting the B natural, but return to the G major tonality. The same thing occurs again in bar three.

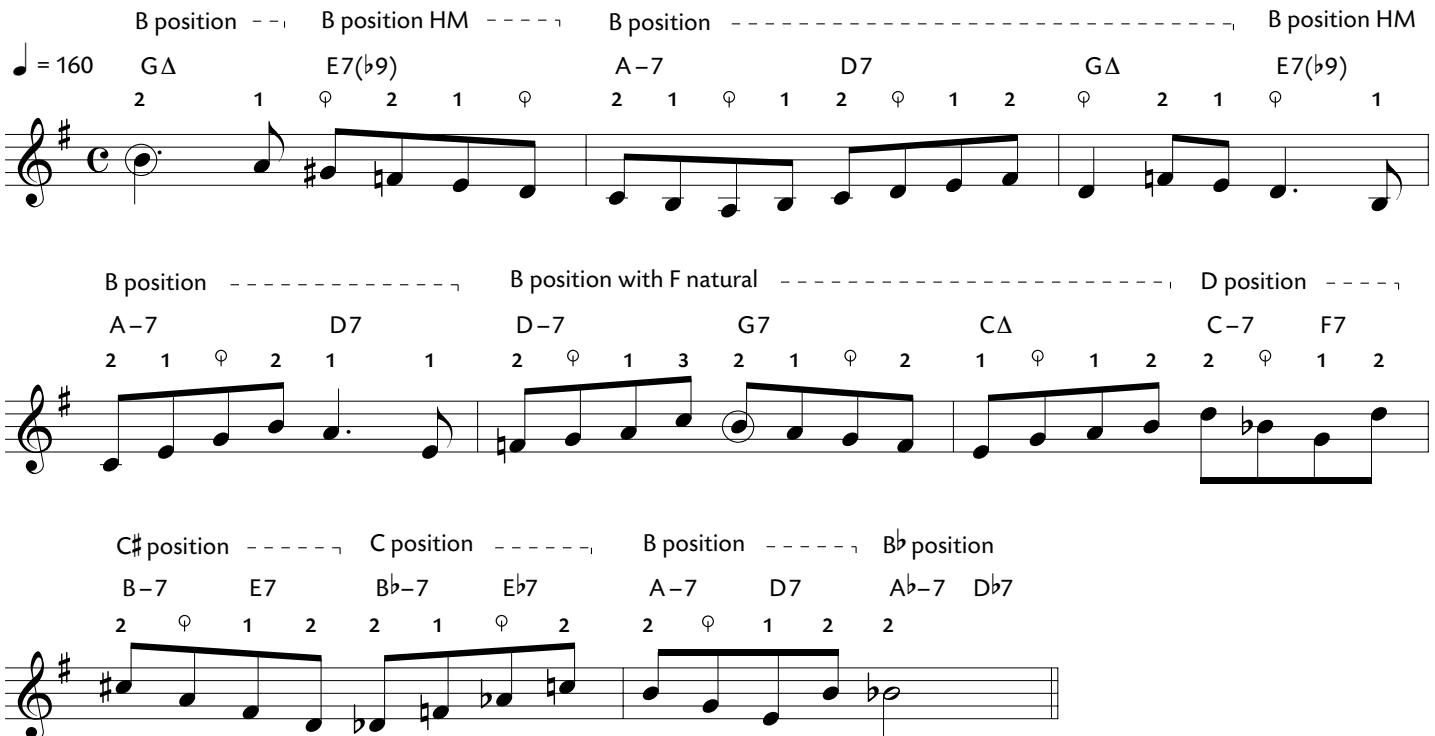
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ALTERED RHYTHM CHANGES IN G MAJOR

B position -- B position HM - - - B position - - - - B position HM

$\text{♩} = 160$ GΔ E7($\flat 9$) A-7 D7 GΔ E7($\flat 9$)

2 1 ♩ 2 1 2 1 ♩ 1 2 ♩ 1 2 1 ♩ 2 1 ♩ 1



Now, transpose this exercise to as many keys as possible.

Notes:

The C Position HM

The Notes in the C Position (B♭ Harmonic Minor)

G string - - - - - , D string - - - - - , A string - - - - - , E string - - - - -

3 2 1 ♫ 2 1 ♫ 2 1 ♫ 2 1 ♫

Target

Exercise 1

3 2 2 1 1 ♫ ♫ 2
2 1 1 ♫ ♫ 2 2 1 1 ♫
♫ 1 1 2 2 ♫ ♫ 1
1 2 2 ♫ ♫ 1 1 2 3

Exercise 2

3 1 2 ♫ 1 2 ♫ 1
2 ♫ 1 2 ♫ 1 2 ♫
♫ 2 1 ♫ 2 1 ♫ 2
1 ♫ 2 1 ♫ 3 2

Track 11

HOSTS AND GUESTS – SOLO EXAMPLE (BRIDGE)

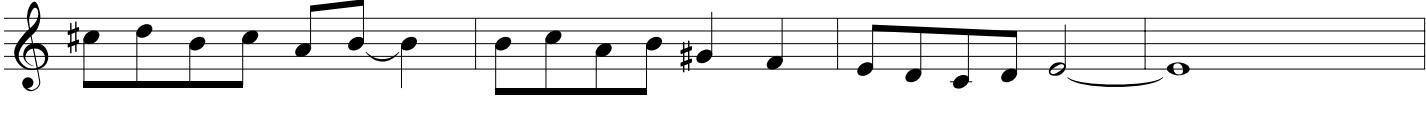
D \sharp position - - - - -
 C \sharp -7 2 3
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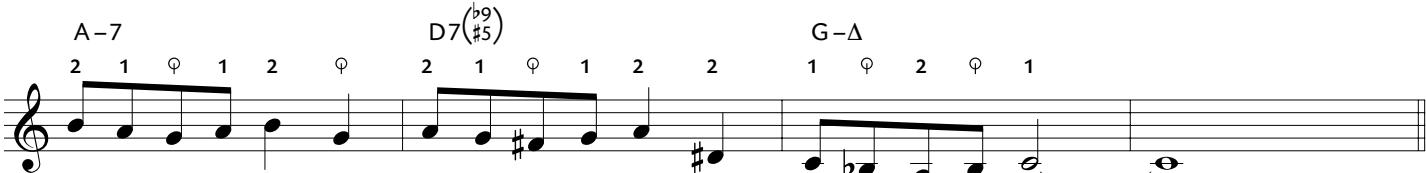
C \sharp position HM - - - - -
 F \sharp 7(\flat ⁹₅) 2 3 2 1 ♀ 2 1 ♀ 2 1 ♀ 2


C \sharp position - - - - , B position HM - - - - -
 B-7 2 3 2 3 2 1 ♀ 2 1 ♀ 2 1 ♀ 2


B position - - - - , A position HM - - - - -
 A-7 2 3 2 3 2 1 ♀ 2 1 ♀ 2 1 ♀ 2


D \sharp position - - - - -
 C \sharp -7 2 3 1 2 ♀ 1


C \sharp position - - - - -
 B-7 2 3 1 2 ♀ 1


B position - - - - -
 A-7 2 1 ♀ 1 2 1 ♀ 1


The Melodic Minor Scale Used Over a Minor/Major Chord

This melodic minor scale can be used over any of the inherent modes found within the scale. The first we'll examine is the minor /major seventh chord, formed from the root of the melodic minor scale.

A minor/major chord is used quite frequently as a I chord in a minor song or cadence. Many times it is used at the discretion of the piano or guitar player (Ex: C minor/major chord over the first five bars of *Invitation* vs. a C-7). There are also songs that use this chord particularly and specifically. One of these is *Nica's Dream*, a famous jazz standard by Horace Silver.

The first six measures of the following example specifically call for the melodic minor scales of B \flat and A \flat . Target the major 7th of each minor/major chord, in this case the A natural and G natural, respectively.

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NICA - SOLO EXAMPLE

The sheet music consists of four staves of musical notation for a solo instrument, likely a guitar. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. Fingerings are indicated above the notes, and chord markings are shown below the staff.

- Staff 1:** Labeled "A position MM". Fingerings: 1 2, ♀ 1 2, ♀ 1, 2. Chord: B \flat -Δ.
- Staff 2:** Labeled "G position MM". Fingerings: 1 2, ♀ 1 2, ♀ 1, 2. Chord: A \flat -Δ.
- Staff 3:** Labeled "A position MM". Fingerings: 2 3, 2, ♀ 1 2, ♀ 1 2. Chord: B \flat -Δ. Fingerings: 3 1, 2. Chord: A \flat -7.
- Staff 4:** Labeled "G position MM". Fingerings: 2 3, 2, 3, 2, ♀ 1, 2. Chord: A \flat -Δ. Fingerings: 3 2, 3, 2. Chord: D \flat 7.
- Staff 5:** Labeled "A position MM". Fingerings: 2 3, 2, 3, 2, ♀ 1, 2. Chord: B \flat -Δ.
- Staff 6:** Labeled "G position MM". Fingerings: 2, 3 2, 3, 2, ♀ 1, 2. Chord: A \flat -Δ.
- Staff 7:** Labeled "A position MM". Fingerings: 2 3, 2, 3, 2, ♀ 1, 2. Chord: B \flat -Δ.
- Staff 8:** Labeled "B position". Fingerings: 2, 3 2, 3, 2, ♀ 1, 2. Chord: A \flat -7.
- Staff 9:** Labeled "G position MM". Fingerings: 2, 3 2, 3, 2, ♀ 1, 2. Chord: D \flat 7.
- Staff 10:** Labeled "A position MM". Fingerings: 2 3, 2, 3, 2, ♀ 1, 2. Chord: B \flat -Δ.
- Staff 11:** Labeled "B position". Fingerings: 2, 3 2, 3, 2, ♀ 1, 2. Chord: A \flat -7.
- Staff 12:** Labeled "G position MM". Fingerings: 2, 3 2, 3, 2, ♀ 1, 2. Chord: D \flat 7.

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Here is another example of a blues chorus in B♭, using these melodic minor modes.



B♭7alt.
2 3 2 1 ♀ 1 2 E♭7($\frac{\#}{9}^{11}$)
2 3 2 ♀ 1 B♭7alt.
2 3 2 1 ♀ 1 2

E♭7($\frac{\#}{9}^{11}$)
2 ♀ 1 2 3 1 2 ♀ 1 2 ♀ 1 2 B♭7alt.
2 ♀ 1 2 1 G7($\frac{\#}{9}^{11}$)
2 3 1 2

C7alt.
2 3 2 1 ♀ 2 F7($\frac{\#}{9}^{11}$)
2 1 2 ♀ 1 B♭7alt.
2 ♀ 1 2 2 ♀ 1 2 G7($\frac{\#}{9}^{11}$)
2 ♀ 1 2 2 ♀ 1 2 C7alt.
2 ♀ 1 2 2 ♀ 1 2 F7($\frac{\#}{9}^{11}$)
2 3 1 2

B♭7alt.
2 ♀ 1 2 ♀ 1 2 3 E♭7($\frac{\#}{9}^{11}$)
1 ♀ 1 2 ♀ 1 2 3

G7($\frac{\#}{9}^{11}$)
2 ♀ 1 2 ♀ 1 2 3 C7alt.
2 ♀ 1 2 2 ♀ 1 2 3

F7($\frac{\#}{9}^{11}$)
2 ♀ 1 2 ♀ 1 2 3

Track 27

CHILI DOGS AT MIDNIGHT

BASS DUET

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1. **f**

2. **p**

3. **f**

4. **f**

5. **f**

6. **f**

7. **f**

8. **f**

9. **f**

10. **f**