



Hello friends,

Welcome back to Swiftlessons for another lead guitar tutorial. In today's session we'll add another key phrase to your blues vocabulary as we learn to incorporate the iconic "train whistle" sound into your soloing. Today's lick is heavily inspired by blues legend Skip James, but also borrows influence from Big Bill Broonzy and other delta blues artist. We'll begin this lesson with a review of the Em blues scale, before mastering two variations of this classic lick.

Let's get started!

Source Scales:

Em Minor Blues Scale - A Shape Position

Musical notation for the Em Minor Blues Scale in the A shape position. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The scale is written on a single staff with a guitar TAB below it. The TAB shows the following fret numbers: 7, 10, 7, 10, 7, 8, 9, 7, 9, 8, 10, 11, 7, 10.

Em Minor Blues Scale - Open E Shape Position

Musical notation for the Em Minor Blues Scale in the Open E shape position. The notation includes a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The scale is written on a single staff with a guitar TAB below it. The TAB shows the following fret numbers: 0, 3, 0, 1, 2, 0, 2, 0, 2, 3, 0, 3, 0, 3.

Variation #1

Musical notation for Variation #1. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lick is written on a single staff with a guitar TAB below it. The TAB shows the following fret numbers: 7, 8, 3, 0, 0, 3, 0, 0, 2, 1, 2, 0, 0, 0. The notation includes a "let ring" instruction, a 1/2 note, a 1/4 note, and a sl. (slide) instruction.

Variation #2

Musical notation for Variation #2. The notation includes a bass clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lick is written on a single staff with a guitar TAB below it. The TAB shows the following fret numbers: 10, 12, 10, 12, 10, 12, 9, 10, 9, 10, 7, 8, 3, 0, 0, 3, 0, 0, 2, 1, 2, 0, 0, 0. The notation includes a 1/4 note, a 1/4 note, a 1/2 note, a 1/4 note, and a sl. (slide) instruction.