

LICK OF THE WEEK

Freddie King *Side Tracked*

This week's lick is taken from the intro to one of Freddie King's instrumental tunes, *Side Tracked*, which originally appeared on his album **Let's Hide Away and Dance Away**, on the King Records label. The tune was co-written by Sonny Thompson, Freddie's piano player, and the collection was very popular in the 1960's. I got it off of the 1989 double album compilation, **Freddie King Just Pickin'** (Modern Blues Recordings MBXLCD-721) which contains 24 of his instrumentals. It definitely belongs on your blues CD shelf.

Written in G, the intro begins with a walk-down from the V (D7) chord to the IV (C7) and lands on the I (G7) where there is a I to V turnaround. The lick itself is played entirely in pattern 1 of the G pentatonic minor scale, in 3rd position. The only note not in the scale is E on the 2nd string, 5th fret, in measure 2. It is pretty straightforward, but I have given you my suggested fingerings.

Note: the archived MP3 audio file contains both the slow and full tempo versions.

Enjoy.
JG