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Sidewinder patterns consist of a sequence of identical fixed melodic intervals chromatically ascending or descending.

The examples above use as the fixed interval a major 2nd. It is also possible to use other fixed melodic intervals (m3, M3, P4, #4, etc).

For example, in *"Dolphin Dance"*, Herbie Hancock leads into his piano solo (at 5:47) with a slightly modified **dn/dn-ascending** sidewinder pattern based on m3rds:



