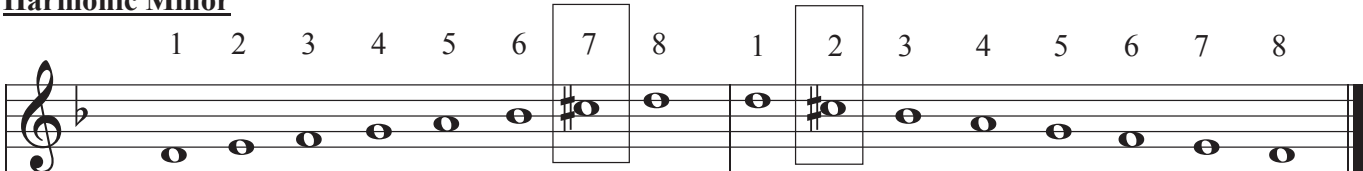


Understanding Minor Scales

In music there are two types of Minor Scale: Harmonic Minor and Melodic Minor.

(If you look at the Harmonic Minor scale ascending and descending they look like a mirror image of each other).

Harmonic Minor



The Harmonic Minor scale raises the 7th note ascending.

And the 2nd note descending.

A good way to remember....(Harmonic Minor)

if you drink too much 7up you get the Hiccups,
so you have a glass of water (H2o) to get rid of
the Hiccups)

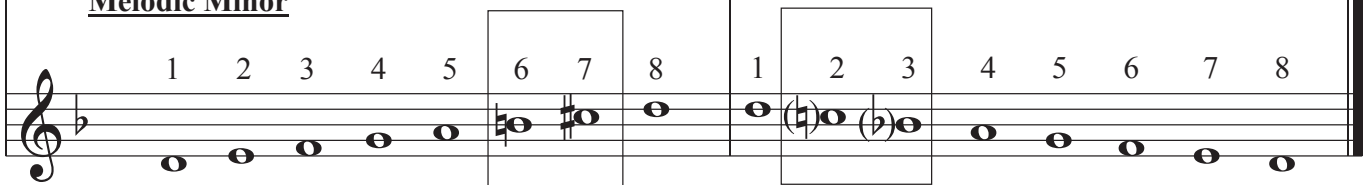
H for Hiccups, H for Harmonic 7up =raise 7th
note
H2o = raise 2nd note coming down

A good way to remember...(Melodic Minor)

You go up to the shop with 7 and 6 pence,
you spend it and come back home with
nothing

M for old money, M for melodic
7 and 6 = raise 6th and 7th notes going up
Coming home with nothing = do nothing on
the descending scale (no added accidentals)

Melodic Minor



The Melodic Minor Scale raises the 6th
and 7th notes ascending.

When the scale is descending cancel any
changes you have made. (ie. the 2nd and
3rd notes go back to normal).