



Music & lyrics by Bill Withers
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Lean on Me



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Baritone

Intro: C C Dm Em F F Em Dm C C Dm Em Em . . . G7 . . .
C C Dm Em F F Em Dm C C Dm Em G7 . . . C . . .

C C Dm Em F F Em Dm C C Dm Em Em . . . G7 . . .
Some - times in our lives we all have pain, we all have sor - row

C C Dm Em F F Em Dm C C Dm Em G7 . . . C .
But if we are wise, we know that there's al-ways to - mor - row

Chorus:

. . . C C Dm Em F
Lean on me when you're not strong

F Em Dm C C Dm Em Em . . . G7 . . .
And I'll be your friend I'll help you car - ry on

C C Dm Em F F Em Dm C C Dm Em Em G7 . . . C . . .
For it won't be long, 'til I'm gon-na need some - bo - dy to lean on

C C Dm Em F F Em Dm C C Dm Em Em . . . G7 . . .
Please swal-low your pride, if I have things you need to bor - row

C C Dm Em F F Em Dm C C Dm Em G7 . . . C .
For no one can fill those of your needs, that you won't let show

Interlude: *Tacet (percussive strum 1st time, clap 2nd time)*

You just call on me brother, when you need a hand

We all need somebo-dy to lean on

I just might have a prob-lem that you'll un-derstand

We all need somebo-dy to lean on

<Chorus>

<Interlude>

C C Dm Em F F Em Dm C C Dm Em Em . . . G7 . . .
If there is a load, you have to bear, that you can't car - ry

C C Dm Em F F Em Dm C C Dm Em G7 . . . C .
I'm right up the road, I'll share your load, if you just call me

Dm . . C Dm . . C *(repeat and fade)*
Call me (if you need a friend) Call me (if you need a friend)

