

LEAN ON ME

Words and Music by
BILL WITHERS

Medium Gospel Ballad

The musical score is presented in three systems. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics, a piano accompaniment, and guitar chord diagrams. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is 4/4. The piano part begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The guitar part provides harmonic support with chords D, G, and D/A.

System 1: The first system shows the initial piano accompaniment and guitar chords (D, G, D, G). The piano part features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

System 2: The second system contains the first line of lyrics: "Some - times in our lives — we all have pain, — we all have". The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern.

System 3: The third system contains the second line of lyrics: "sor - row. — But, if we are wise — we know that". The piano accompaniment concludes the phrase with a final chord.

Lean on Me - 7 - 1

there's al - ways to - mor - row... Lean on me when you're not strong.

and I'll be your friend, I'll help you car - ry on. For I know.

that it won't be long 'til I'm gon - na need some - bod - y to lean.

on. Please, swal - low your pride if I have

Solo

things_ you need to bor - row._ For no one, no one can fill_

Choir

No one can fill. Let_

Chords: D, D/A, A, Bm7, Em7

Solo

all of your needs_ if you wan- na let them

Choir

No one can fill. Let_

Chords: D/A, A, D

Solo

show. *Ad lib:* You just call on me, brother, if you feel you need a hand. 'Cause we all

Choir

them show. Call me._ We all

Chords: D, No Chord, D, G

 N.C.
 
 N.C.

need somebody to lean on. I just might have a problem
need some - bod - y to lean — on. You call me.










you understand. Both: We all need some - bod - y to lean — on. — Lean on me







Solo: when you're not strong. — And I'll be your — friend, — I'll help you car-



A Bm7 Em7

ry on. For I know it won't be long 'till I'm gon-na need

Dm/A A D N.C.

some - bod - y, some - bod - y to lean on. Solo: You can

SOLO: D G D N.C.





call on me, sister, if you need a hand. We all need somebody to lean

CHOIR: Call me. We all need some - bod - y to lean.


 N.C.
 


on. I just might have a problem that you can understand. We all
Choir: on. Oo. Just call me. We all



need somebody to lean on.
need some - bod - y lean on.










D **G** **D**

Solo: If there is a load — you have to bear — that you can't

D/A **A** **Bm7** **Em7**

car - ry, just re-mem-ber I, — I'm right up the road..

D/A **A** **D**

I'll — share your load — if you just call me.

Repeat and fade

Em/D **D** **Em/D** **D**

Vocal solo ad-lib.

Choir: (Call me. Call me.)