

## LEAN ON ME

Bill Withers followed up his first song, "Ain't No Sunshine", which he wrote while working as a mechanic at Lockheed, with this song in 1972.

4 beats/chord unless noted

Intro: slowly with emotion 1,2,3,4 1,2,3,4 C//// Dm//// C//// G7// C/

C Dm// F// C Em7//-G7//  
Sometimes, in our lives; we all have pain, we all have sor- row;  
C Dm// F// C G7// C/ tite to chorus  
But, if we are wise, we know that there's always to-mor- row.

C// Em7/ F//  
**CHORUS:** Lean on me, when you're not strong;  
F// C Em7// G7//  
I'll be your friend, I'll help you car-ry on;  
C F C G// C//  
For, it won't be long 'til I'm gon-na need somebody to le-an on.

C Dm// F// C Em7//-G7//  
Please, swallow your pride, if I have things, you need to bor-row;  
C Dm// F// C G7// C/  
For, no one can fill, those of your needs, that you won't le-et show.

C G// C//  
**BRIDGE:** Just call on me brother, when you need a hand.  
C G// C//  
We all need somebody to le-an on.  
C G// C//  
I just might have a problem, that you'd understand.  
C G// C//  
We all need somebody to le-an on.

**CHORUS:**                   C//                   Em7/ F//  
 Lean on me, when you're not strong;  
                   F//            C                   Em7// G7//  
 I'll be your friend, I'll help you car-ry on;  
                   C                   F                   C                   G// C//  
 For, it won't be long 'til I'm gon-na need somebody to le-an on.

**BRIDGE:**                   C                   G//           C//  
 Just call on me brother, when you need a hand.  
                   C                   G// C//  
 We all need somebody to le-an on.  
                   C                   G//           C//  
 I just might have a problem, that you'd understand.  
                   C                   G// C//  
 We all need somebody to le-an on.

C                   Dm// F//                   C                   Em7//-G7//  
 If, there is a load, you have to bear, that you can't car-ry;  
 C                   Dm// F//                   C                   G// C//  
 I'm right up the road, i'll share your load, if you just call me.

**Outro:**

Dm// C//   Dm// C//                   Dm// C//                   Dm// C//  
 Call me. Call me. If you need a friend. If you need a friend.

                  Dm//   C/  
 Just, call . . . me.  
 ( slow, emotel!)

