

Lean on Me

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6-10

Gospel R&B ♩ = 98

PIANO

The piano introduction consists of two systems of music. The first system starts with a piano (PIANO) dynamic and features a right-hand melody of chords and a left-hand bass line. The second system continues the piece, maintaining the same melodic and harmonic structure. Chords are indicated above the staff: Ebmaj7, Ab11, Ebmaj7, D9, and Ebmaj7.

A (OPTIONAL SOLO)

mp (cue notes v. 2)

S. Some - times in our lives — we all have pain — we all have sor - row.
 Please swal-low your pride — if I have things — you need to bor - row.

This section is an optional solo for the singer (S.). It begins at measure 17 with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. Chords Ebmaj7, Ab11, Ebmaj7, and D9 are indicated above the piano part.

S. — But if we are wise — we know that there's — al-ways to -
 — For no-one can see — those of your needs — that you won't

This section continues the vocal line from measure 24. The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. Chords Ebmaj7, Ab11, and Ebmaj7 are indicated above the piano part.

B

mf

S. -mor - row. — Lean on me — when you're not strong, — I'll be your friend,
 let — show. — *mf*

A. Lean on me — when you're not strong, — I'll be your friend,
mf

T. Lean on me — when you're not strong, — I'll be your friend,
mf

This section is for Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), and Tenor (T.) voices. It begins at measure 31 with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "Lean on me when you're not strong, I'll be your friend." The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef, with chords Bb, Ebmaj7, Abmaj7, and Ebmaj7 indicated above the staff.

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S. I'll help you car - ry on. For it won't be long 'til

A. I'll help you car - ry on. For it won't be long 'til

T. I'll help you car - ry on. For it won't be long 'til

B \flat sus 4 G/B Cm 7 A \flat maj 11

44

S. I'm gon - na need some - bo - dy to lean on.

A. I'm gon - na need some - bo - dy to lean on.

T. I'm gon - na need some - bo - dy to lean on.

E \flat maj 7 B \flat E \flat maj 7

49 ALTO SOLO **C**

Solo Just call on me, broth - ers when you need a hand.

S. We all need some - bo -

A. We all need some - bo -

T. We all need some - bo -

NC (E \flat 7) *clap*

55

Solo

S. I just might have a prob-lem that you'll un-der-stand.

A. -dy to lean on.

T. -dy to lean on.

61

Solo

S. We all need some-bo-dy to lean on. Lean on me.

A. We all need some-bo-dy to lean on. Lean on me.

T. We all need some-bo-dy to lean on. Lean on me.

66

S. when you're not strong, I'll be your friend, I'll help you car-ry on.

A. when you're not strong, I'll be your friend, I'll help you car-ry on.

T. when you're not strong, I'll be your friend, I'll help you car-ry on.

Ebmaj7 Abmaj7 Ebmaj7 Bbsus4

73

S. For it won't be long — 'til I'm gon-na need — some - bo - dy to

A. For it won't be long — 'til I'm gon-na need — some - bo - dy to

T. For it won't be long — 'til I'm gon-na need — some - bo - dy to

G/B Cm7 A♭11 E♭maj7

80

D

S. lean on. — If there is a load — that you can't bear

A. lean on. — If there is a load — that you can't bear

T. lean on. — If there is a load — that you can't bear

B♭sus4 E♭maj7 E♭maj7 A♭11 E♭maj7

86

S. and you can't car - ry. — I'm right up the road,

A. and you can't car - ry. — I'm right up the road,

T. and you can't car - ry. — I'm right up the road,

D♭maj7 D E♭ A♭maj11

92

S. I'll share your load, — if you just call — me. — Lean on me —

A. I'll share your load, — if you just call — me. — Lean on me —

T. I'll share your load, — if you just call — me. — Lean on me —

E♭maj7 B♭ E♭maj7

98 **E**

S. when you're not strong, — I'll be your friend, —

A. when you're not strong, — I'll be your friend, —

T. when you're not strong, — I'll be your friend, —

A♭11 E♭maj7

103

S. I'll help you car - ry on. — For it won't be long —

A. I'll help you car - ry on. — For it won't be long —

T. I'll help you car - ry on. — For it won't be long —

B♭sus4 G/B Cm7 A♭11

108

S. 'til I'm gon-na need some-bo-dy to lean on. Lean on me on.

A. 'til I'm gon-na need some-bo-dy to lean on. Lean on me on.

T. 'til I'm gon-na need some-bo-dy to lean on. Lean on me on.

E♭maj⁷ B♭ E♭maj⁷

115 **F**

S. Just call, just call me.

A. Just call, just call me.

T. Just call, just call me.

A♭maj¹¹ E♭maj⁷ D♭ D E♭maj⁷

123

S. Just call, just call me.

A. Just call, just call me.

T. Just call, just call me.

A♭maj¹¹ E♭maj⁷ D♭ D E♭maj⁷