

**Lean on Me by Bill Withers (we are singing and playing in the key of C)**

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain we all have sorrow

But if we are wise we know that there's always tomorrow

**CHORUS**

Lean on me, when you're not strong

And I'll be your friend. I'll help you carry on

For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

Please swallow your pride If I have things you need to borrow

For no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show

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

We all need somebody to lean on

I just might have a problem that you'll understand

We all need somebody to lean on

**REPEAT CHORUS**

If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry

I'm right up the road I'll share your load if you just call me.

Call me. Call me. Call me. Call me.

## **Lean on Me Instrumental Parts For 2nd, 3rd and 4th Graders:**

### **Xylophones and Recorders. This is the verse melody.**

We will learn how to play the verse melody in class:

3rd Grade Recorder players: Refer to your finger chart for the notes below. We will play high notes. For high E and F, play with half hole thumb position on the back. High F is G plus one on the bottom.

c. c d e f. f e d c. c d e e d. c. c d e f. f e d c. c d e b c.

**4th grade ukuleles.** (you can also play the xylophone part above)

We'll be playing C and F chords. If you want an extra challenge try the Em and Dm chords. Refer to your chord chart for finger positions.

**C.**

**F**

Lean on me, when you're not strong

**C**

And I'll be your friend. I'll help you

**G7**

carry on