

Lean on Me

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♩ = 75

mp
with pedal

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time, marked *mp*. It features a steady bass line in the left hand and a complex, rhythmic accompaniment in the right hand consisting of chords and eighth notes. A 'with pedal' instruction is placed below the first few measures.

5

Hmm Hmm hmm hmm hmm_ Hmm hmm hmm hmm_ Hmm hmm hmm hmm_ hmm_

This system contains the first vocal line starting at measure 5. The vocal melody is a simple, rhythmic line of eighth notes. The piano accompaniment continues with the same pattern as the introduction. The lyrics are 'Hmm' repeated with varying note values and rests.

9

Some - times in our lives, we all have pain We all have sor - row

mf

This system contains the second vocal line starting at measure 9. The vocal melody continues with the same rhythmic pattern. The piano accompaniment remains consistent. The lyrics are 'Some - times in our lives, we all have pain We all have sor - row'. The piano part is marked *mf*.

13

But if we are wise We know that there's al-ways to - mor - row Lean on me

This system contains the third vocal line starting at measure 13. The vocal melody concludes the phrase. The piano accompaniment continues. The lyrics are 'But if we are wise We know that there's al-ways to - mor - row Lean on me'.