

Bill Withers - Lean On Me



Bill Withers is the same person that sings 'Lovely Day'. This song is called 'Lean On Me'. Before you listen, what do you think the song might be about?

Now have a listen to the song and answer these questions:

1. Do you like the song? Why? (It's OK not to like it, but you have to give reasons for your answers)
2. What instruments can you hear in the song? (I can hear at least 5)
3. What is Bill Withers singing about? (Did you guess correctly from just the title?) Which words do you think are the most powerful?

Bill Withers' style of music is based on soul, R&B and gospel. Gospel music originates from African-American churches and the music they use to worship. Here are some other songs for you to listen to in the same genre (group). They all share a message of positivity and hope. Can you hear the influence of the church and gospel in some of the lyrics and voices?

Beyonce and Walter Williams - He Still Loves Me <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-o1GCF5Xthc>

Mary Mary - Shackles <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1L2IToMIB4>

Elvis Presley - Amazing Grace https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sire_XjCQjI

ACM Gospel Choir - Lean On Me https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UU_eWheuWMc