Swift Guitar Lessons

"Lean On Me" By Bill Withers *Arrangement for guitar by Rob Swift*

Standard Tuning | key of Cmaj | Released April 21, 1972 | Label: Sussex Records | 4/4 time | 140 Bpm

Intro Section: *See pg.3 for tab*

Verse #1:

C   F   C   Em   G

Sometimes in our lives... we all have pain... We all have sor___row

C   F   C   G   C

But if we are wise... We know that there's... always tomor__row
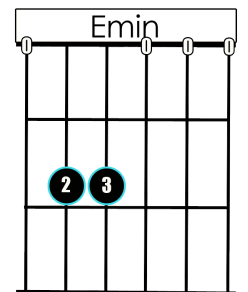
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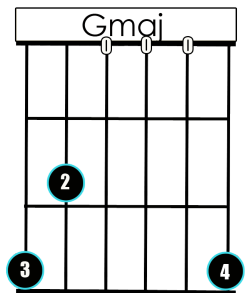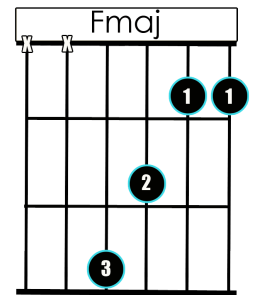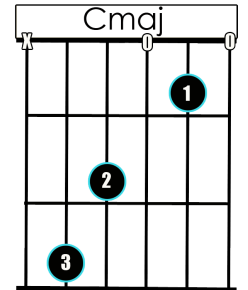(C)   F

Lean on me, when you're not strong

               C   Em   G

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

C   F   C

For it won't be long...till I'm gonna need

          G   C

Somebody to lean on

Verse #2

C   F   C   Em   G

Please swallow your pride... If I have things... you need to bor__row

C   F   C

For no one can fill... those of your needs

          G   C

That you won't let__ show

Bridge: *Percussion and Bass riff*

riff   (C)   *riff*

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

   riff   *riff*

We all need somebody to lean on

riff   *riff*

I just might have a problem that you'd understand

riff   *(walk up)* G   C

We all need somebody to lean on
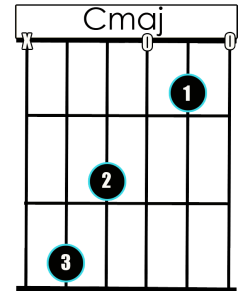
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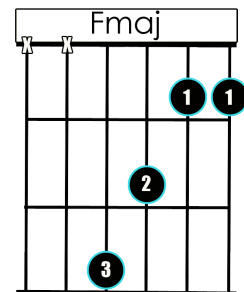(C)   F

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

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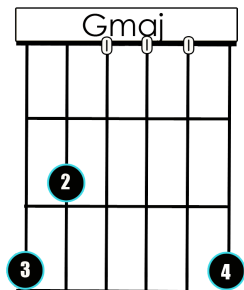For it won't be long...till I'm gonna need

           G   C

Somebody to lean on

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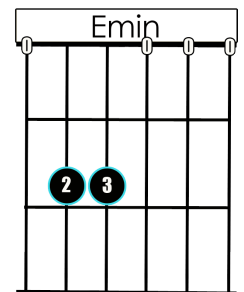
Verse #3:

C   F   C   Em G

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

C   F   C

I'm right up the road... I'll share your load

         G   C

If you just call me

Coda:

F   C   F C *Repeat to end...*

Call me... if you need a friend...

Cmaj

Fmaj

Gmaj

Emin

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Intro and Verse Tab: *Grey & non-bolded indicates optional strums.*

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        C                       F                       C
E|-0-----0--0-0-|----------1-|-------1--1-1-|----------0-|-------0--0-0-|
B|-1-----1--1-1-|----------1-|-------1--1-1-|----------1-|-------1--1-1-|
G|-0-----0--0-0-|----------2-|-------2--2-2-|----------0-|-------0--0-0-|
D|-2-----2--2-2-|----0--2--3-|-------3--3---|-3--2--0--2-|-------2--2-2-|
A|-3-----3--3---|-3----------|--------------|----------3-|-------3--3---|
E|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|

  1  2  3  4  &   1  2  3  4   1  2  3  4  &   1  2  3  4   1  2  3  4  &
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            Em          G
E|-----------0---|----0--0-0-3-|-------3--3-3-|
B|-----------0---|----0--0-0-0-|-------0--0-0-|
G|-----------0---|----0--0-0-0-|-------0--0-0-|
D|----0--2--2---|----2--2-2-0-|-------0--0-0-|
A|-3--------2---|----2--2---2-|-------2--2---|
E|-----------0---|----0--0---3-|-------3--3---|

  1  2  3  4    1  2  3  & 4   1  2  3  4  &
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    C                       F                       C
E|-0-----0--0-0-|----------1-|-------1--1-1-|----------0-|-------0--0-0-|
B|-1-----1--1-1-|----------1-|-------1--1-1-|----------1-|-------1--1-1-|
G|-0-----0--0-0-|----------2-|-------2--2-2-|----------0-|-------0--0-0-|
D|-2-----2--2-2-|----0--2--3-|-------3--3---|-3--2--0--2-|-------2--2-2-|
A|-3-----3--3---|-3----------|--------------|----------3-|-------3--3---|
E|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|

  1  2  3  4  &   1  2  3  4   1  2  3  4  &   1  2  3  4   1  2  3  4  &
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            G           C
E|-----------3--|----3--3-3-0-|-------0--0-0-|
B|-----------0--|----0--0-0-1-|-------1--1-1-|
G|-----------0--|----0--0-0-0-|-------0--0-0-|
D|----0--2--0--|----0--0-0-2-|-------2--2-2-|
A|-3--------2--|----2--2---3-|-------3--3---|
E|-----------3--|----3--3-----|--------------|

  1  2  3  4    1  2  3  & 4   1  2  3  4  &
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Bridge Tab:

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        C                                       C                       G        C
E|----|---x-x-x--x-x|---x-x--x-x--|     E|----|---x-x-x--x--x-|---------|-3-3-3-3-0-----|
B|----|---x-x-x-x-x|---x-x--x-x--|     B|----|---x-x-x-x--x-|---------|-0-0-0-0-1-----|
G|----|---x-x-x-x-x|---x-x--x-x--| 7x  G|----|---x-x-x-x--x-|---------|-0-0-0-0-0-----|
D|----|---x-x-x--x-x|---x-x-x-x--|     D|----|---x-x-x-x--x-|---------|-0-0-0-0-2-----|
A|---0|-3-x---x-x--|-----x-x----|     A|---0|-3-x---x-x----|---------|-2---2---3-----|
E|-3--|---x---x-x--|-----x-x----|     E|-3--|---x---x--x----|-0-1-2-3-|-3---3---------|
   4  &  1  2 & 3  4 &  1 & 2  3 &      4  &  1  2 & 3  4  &   1 2 3 4   1 & 2 & 3 & 4
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