

Name _____ Division _____ Date _____

It is the same song ... but it sounds different!

SONG TITLE = Lean On Me, written by Bill Withers, 1972

What do you hear?	VERSION 1 By: Bill Withers = live recording - 1973	VERSION 2 By: ArtistsCAN = national broadcast - 2020
How is it performed? Singing? Instrument(s)? Both? Alone? Group?		
What is the tempo? (speed) Is it slow? Medium? Fast?		
How does it make me feel? (mood)		
What is the same in both versions?		
What is different in both versions?		
I like Version __ better ... OR I like them equally ...	because ...	
Have I heard this song before? <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> Yes Maybe? No ... </div>		If you have heard the song before, was it <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> VERSION 1? VERSION 2? BOTH? A different version? </div>

Bill Withers (William Harrison 'Bill' Withers Jr.) = American singer-songwriter and musician

- ♪ born July 4, 1938 and died March 30, 2020 (age 81)
- ♪ a short music career – about 15 years – his first songs started being played on the radio starting in 1971
- ♪ won 3 Grammy Awards, nominated for 6 more, and was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- ♪ he served in the US Navy for 9 years as an aircraft mechanic, and became interested in singing and writing songs
- ♪ taught himself how to play guitar and piano
- ♪ starting out, he recorded his own demo tapes, took them to recording companies and performed in clubs to become more widely known – all while he worked for as an assembler at an aircraft company
- ♪ over 140 music artists and groups have recorded and performed covers of 'Lean On Me'



Withers in a 1971 ad for [Just as I Am](#)



Withers at the [Rock and Roll Hall of Fame](#) in 2015

Sources = Wikipedia, www.secondhandsongs.com, Rolling Stone

As listed on webpage = ArtistsCAN is (in alphabetical order by first letter):

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| ♪ Avril Lavigne | ♪ Desiire | ♪ Josh Ramsay | ♪ Ryland James | ♪ The Tenors |
| ♪ Bad Child | ♪ Donovan Woods | ♪ Jules Halpern | ♪ Sarah McLachlan | ♪ Tyler Shaw |
| ♪ Bryan Adams | ♪ Fefe Dobson | ♪ Justin Bieber | ♪ Scott Helman | ♪ Walk Off The Earth |
| ♪ Buffy Sainte-Marie | ♪ Geddy Lee | ♪ Marie-Mai | ♪ Serena Ryder | |
| ♪ Command Sisters | ♪ Jann Arden | ♪ Michael Bublé | ♪ Shawn Hook | |
| ♪ Dan Kanter | ♪ Johnny Orlando | ♪ Olivia Lunny | ♪ TIKA | |

Also appearing in the video are Alicia Moffet, Cailli and Sam Beckerman, Chloe Wilde, Chris Boucher, David Suzuki, Drew Scott, Fred Penner, George Stroumboulopoulos, Hayley Wickenheiser, Jason Priestley, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Kayla Diamond, Kelsi Mayne, Liz Trinnear, Loud Luxury, Lyriq Bent, Maripier Morin, Pearl & Daisy Wenjack, Russell Peters, Sara Diamond, Scott McGillivray, Sharon and Bram, Shaun Majumder, Shay Mitchell, Shenae Grimes, Soska Sisters, Spencer West, Steve Yzerman, Tom Jackson, Trailer Park Boys, and Tyrone Edwards.