

STAND BY ME

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Arrangement by STEVE DELEHANTY

Intro

1 2 3

Tenor Lead
8

ba da da ba da da ba da da da

Bari Bass

dm dm doo da dm dm doo da dm dm doo da

4 5 6

ba da da da ba da da ba da da

dm dm doo da dm dm doo da dm dm doo da

7 8 9

ba da da ba da da ba da da

ba da da When the night has come

ba da da ba da da ba da da

dm dm doo da dm dm doo da dm dm doo da

Verse 1

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ba da__ da do da and the land is dark ba da__ da

and the land is dark and the

ba da__ da ba da__ da dark ba da__ da

dm dm__ doo da dm dm__ doo da dm dm__ doo da

ba da__ da ba da__ da ba da__ da

moon__ is the on - ly light we see,

ba da__ da ba da__ da ba da__ da

dm dm__ doo da dm dm__ doo da dm dm__ doo da

ba da__ da ba da__ da ba da__ da ba da

oh, I won't be a-fraid, no, I

ba da__ da ba da__ da ba da__ da

dm dm__ doo da dm dm__ doo da dm dm__ doo da

I won't be a - fraid. ba da__ da ba da__ da

won't be a - fraid just as long_____ as you

I won't be a - fraid. ba da__ da ba da__ da

dm dm__ doo da dm dm__ doo da dm dm__ doo da

ba da da da da ba da__ ba da da Dar - ling, da - dar - ling,

stand, stand by__ me. So dar - ling, dar - ling,

ba da__ da da da ba da__ ba da da Dar - ling, da - dar - ling,

dm dm__ doo da dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm doo da

Chorus 1

stand, so stand by me, so stand__ by__ me, yeah, stand__ by

stand__ by me, stand__ by

stand, so stand by me, so stand__ by__ me, yeah, stand by

dm dm dm doo da dm dm__ dm dm dm dm__ da

me, oh, oh, — stand by me, stand by me, oh, — stand by

me, oh, oh, — stand, — stand by — me,
me, oh, oh, — stand by me, stand by me, oh, — stand by

dm dm dm doo da dm da dm doo da dm dm — doo da

Verse 2

me, stand by me. ba da — sky, —

stand by — me. If the sky that we look up-on —

me, stand by me. ba da — sky, —

dm dm — doo da dm dm — doo da dm dm — doo da

— sky will fall — and the

— should tum - ble and fall and the

— sky will fall — and the

dm dm — doo da dm dm — doo da dm dm — doo da

moun - tains, oo, to the sea, the sea, in - to the

37 38 39

moun-tains should crum-ble in - to the sea,
moun - tains, oo, to the sea, the sea in - to the

dm dm doo da dm dm doo da dm dm doo da

sea, the sea. Oh, cry, cry, I won't

40 41 42

I won't cry, I won't cry, no, I won't
sea, the sea. Oh, cry, cry, I won't

dm dm doo da dm dm doo da dm dm doo da

cry a tear just as long,

43 44 45

shed a tear just as long as you
cry a tear just as long,

dm dm doo da dm dm doo da dm dm doo da

stand, stand by me, stand by me, stand by. Dar - ling, da - dar - ling,

stand, stand by me. So dar - ling, dar - ling,
stand, stand by me, stand by me, stand by. Dar - ling, da - dar - ling,

dm dm doo da dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm doo da

Chorus 2

stand, so stand by me, so stand by me, yeah, stand by

stand by me, stand by
stand, so stand by me, so stand by me, yeah, stand by

dm dm doo da dm dm dm dm dm dm dm da

me, oh, oh, stand by me, stand by me, oh, stand by

me, oh, stand, stand by me,
me, oh, oh, stand by me, stand by me, oh, stand by

dm dm doo da dm dm doo da dm dm doo da

Chorus 3

me, stand by me. ba da ah ba

stand by me. Dar-ling, stand by me, ba

me, stand by me. ba da ah ba

dm dm doo da dm dm doo da dm dm doo da

da ah ba da ah

stand by me, oh,

da ah ba da ah

dm dm doo da dm dm da dm dm doo da

da ba da ba da ba

stand, stand by me, stand by me. When-

da ba da ba da ba

dm dm doo da dm dm doo da dm dm doo da

*Stand by Me***Chorus 4**

64 da ba da ba da ah

ev - er you're in trou - ble, won't you stand by me,

65 da ba da ba da ah

stand by me, oh, stand,

66 da ba da ba da

stand by me, yeah, stand by me!

67 stand by me, oh, stand,

68 da ba da ba da

69 da ba da ba da

70 stand by me, yeah, stand by me!

71 da ba da ba da

72 da ba da ba da

dm dm doo da dm dm doo da dm dm doo da

Performance Notes

Stand by Me was originally performed by Ben E. King, who co-wrote it with Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller. It was inspired by the spiritual *Lord, Stand by Me* and uses two lines found in Psalms 46:2-3. The duo of Leiber and Stoller wrote enough hit songs to be the subject of the Broadway show **Smokey Joe's Cafe**. There have been over 400 recorded versions of the song. Part of the charm and signature of the song is the bass riff, which continues throughout and keeps strict tempo from beginning to end.

Steve Delehanty is a gifted pianist, arranger, judge and quartet singer. He has hundreds of arrangements to his credit, including *The Beach Boys Medley*, *On a Slow Boat to China* and *There Is Love Wherever There Is Song*.

As a final note: Questions about the contest suitability of this or any other song/arrangement should be directed to the judging community and measured against current contest rules. Ask *before* you sing.