

# Stand By Me

Written by Ben E. King, Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller in 1961.  
According to King, the song title is derived and was inspired by  
a spiritual composition by Sam Cooke called "Stand by Me Father".  
There have been over 400 recorded versions of this song.

Soulful Blues

Strum: D D U U D U  
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Intro: 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4  
C C Am Am F G7 C C

C Am  
When the night has come and the land is dark  
F G7 C  
And the moon is the only light we see  
Am  
No I won't be afraid no I won't be afraid  
F G7 C  
Just as long as you stand by me

Chorus:

G7 C Am  
So darlin' darlin' stand by me, oh oh . . . stand by me  
F G7 C  
Oh stand, stand by me, stand by me  
G7 C Am  
So darlin' darlin' stand by me, oh oh . . . stand by me  
F G7 C  
Oh stand, stand by me, stand by me

Am  
If the sky we look upon should tumble and fall  
F G7 C  
Or the mountain should crumble in the sea  
Am  
I won't cry, I won't cry, no I won't shed a tear  
F G7 C  
Just as long as you stand, stand by me

Chorus

