

# BASIC KEYBOARD SKILLS

## Signs & Symbols

When two notes are joined together by a line this line is called a TIE.

When notes are TIED you only play the 1<sup>st</sup> note & hold it for the length of the note it's tied to.

## Syncopation

This is where you play on the AND note between the main beats.  
The AND note can also be Tied to another note across a bar-line.

Try this piece

### Lean On Me

Bill Withers

The musical notation for "Lean On Me" is presented in two staves. The first staff contains four measures with chords C, F, C, and G. The second staff contains five measures with chords C, F, C, G, and C. The notation includes quarter notes, eighth notes, and a dotted quarter note. A '5' is written above the first note of the second staff.

Turn your second finger over the thumb to play the B note in bar 8

The dotted Quarter note is = 1 &  $\frac{1}{2}$  Beats

The Feel of the last bar is 1,2 & 3,4