

Build Me Up, Buttercup [C]

by Mike d'Abo and Tony Macaulay (1968)

The Foundations <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0kLkDCoRXc&t=2s> IN KEY BPM: 135



Intro: C . . . | E7 . . . | F . . . | G . . . | C . . . | E7 . . . | F . . . | G . . . | G\

Chorus: (---*tacet*---) | C | E7
Why do you build me up (*build me up*) Butter-cup, baby
| F | G
Just to let me down (*let me down*) and mess me a-round
| C | E7
And then worst of all (*worst of all*) you never call, baby
| F | G
When you say you will (*say you will*), but I love you still
| C | C7
I need you (*I need you*) more than any one, dar-ling,
| F | Fm
You know that I have from the start—
| C | G7 | F | C
So build me up, (*build me up*) Butter-cup, don't break my heart—

GUYS

| C | G | Bb | F | C | F
I'll be over at ten, you told me time & a-gain but you're late, I wait a-round and then (*ba-da-da*)
| C | G | Bb | F | C | F
I went to the door, I can't take an-y more, it's not you, you let me down a-gain.

GALS

| Dm | G7 | Em | A7 |
(*hey-hey, hey*) Baby, baby, try to find (*hey-hey, hey*) a little time and I'll make you mi-ine
Dm | D7 | G | G\ (---*tacet*---) |
I'll be home, I'll be be-side the phone waiting—for you—, oo-oo ooo oo-oo ooo

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GUYS

| C | G | Bb | F | C | F
To you I'm a toy, but I could be the boy you a-dore if you'd just let me know (*ba-da-da*)
| C | G | Bb | F | C | F
Al-though you're un-true, I'm at-tracted to you all the more, Why do I need you so?

GALS

. . . | **Dm** | **G7** | **Em** | **A7** |
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 | **F** | **Fm**
 You know that I have from the start———
 . | **C** | **G7** | **A** | .
 So build me up, (*build me up*) Butter-cup, don't break my heart———

KEY CHANGE

Ending: . . . | **D** | **D7**
 |-|-| need you-u-u— more than any one, dar—ling,
 | **G** | **Gm**
 You know that I have from the start———
 | **D** | **A7** | **G** | **D** \
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