

“You Need a Mess of Help to Stand Alone”/“Cuddle Up”

Label B70dj

Brother/Reprise

REP-1091

White label with “subsidiary and licensee” rim print and Brother logo at top.

Mono promotional single

Issued May, 1972.



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Cream/tan label with “subsidiary and licensee” rim print.



Label 70

Reprise

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Brown label with “Division of Warner Bros” rim print.



Cash Box offered a positive review of the single on May 20th. *Billboard* “picked” it but did not review either side. The record experienced no success in the United States, but by mid-August it had risen to #4 in Bangkok, Thailand – where it was a hit. The B-side was co-written by Daryl Dragon, whose keyboards are featured throughout the *So Tough* album. Dragon wore a hat on stage, prompting Mike Love to christen him “Captain Keyboard.” The moniker stuck, and within four years the Captain and his wife, Toni Tennille, had hit records and a television show of their own. In fact, the B-side of their first single was “Disney Girls,” a Bruce Johnston song from *Surf’s Up*.

BEACH BOYS—YOU NEED A MESS OF HELP TO STAND ALONE (3:40)

(prod: Beach Boys) (writer: Wilson-Rieley) (Brother, BMI) Flip: “Cuddle Up” (5:20) Wilojarston, ASCAP) REPRISE 1091

THE BEACH BOYS (Brother/Reprise 1091)

You Need A Mess Of Help To Stand Alone (3:40) (Brother, BMI—B. Wilson, J. Rieley) California’s finest take on a more funky quality this time on harmony; from their forthcoming LP. Flip: “Cuddle Up” (5:20) (Wilojarston, ASCAP—D. Wilson, D. Dragon)

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(Courtesy Radio HSA)

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Captain is Daryl Dragon: “It came from my days with the Beach Boys. In 1970 I got a captain’s hat and wore it on stage. Mike Love, leader of the group, would introduce me as Captain Keyboard. After a while the ‘Keyboard’ part dropped off and I was just called the Captain.