

How Firm A Foundation

Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787

Traditional American melody

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fier-y trials thy path-way shall lie,
5. "The soul that on Je-sus hath leaned for re- pose

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Is laid for your faith in his ex- cel- lent Word!
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
The ri- vers of sor- row shall not o- ver- flow;
My grace, all suf- fi- cient shall be thy sup- ply;
I will not, I will not de- sert to its foes;

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What more can he say than to you he has said,
I'll streng- then thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
For I will be with thee, thy trou- bles to bless,
The flame shall not hurt thee, I on- ly de- sign
That soul, though all hell should en- deav- or to shake,

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To you who for re- fuge to Je- sus have fled?
Up- held by My right eous, om- nip- o- tent hand.
And sanc- ti- fy to thee thy deep- est dis- tress.
Thy dross to con- sume, and thy gold to re- fine.
I'll nev- er, no nev- er, no nev- er for- sake!"