

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
 3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
 4 "When through fiery tri- als your path way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je- sus still leans for re- pose,

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

What more can he say than to you he has said,
 I'll streng- en then you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 for I will be with you, your trou- bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you, I on- ly de- sign
 that soul, though all hell should en- dea- vor to shake,

to you who for re- fuge to Je- sus have fled?
 u- pheld by my right- eous, o- mni- po- tent hand.
 and sanc- ti- fy to you your deep- est dis- tress.
 your dross to con- sume, and your gold to re- fine.
 I'll ne- ver, no ne- ver, no ne- ver for- sake!"



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