

# How Firm a Foundation

Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787

Traditional American melody  
Caldwell's Union Harmony, 1837

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It features a treble and bass clef. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a dotted half note B-flat4. The accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, B-flat2, D3, E-flat3, G3, B-flat3, D4, E-flat4.

5 Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The accompaniment continues with quarter notes: G2, B-flat2, D3, E-flat3, G3, B-flat3, D4, E-flat4.

9 Word! What more can he say than to you he has

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The melody features a series of eighth notes: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, B-flat4, A4, G4, F4, E-flat4, D4, C4, B-flat3, A2, G2. The accompaniment continues with quarter notes: G2, B-flat2, D3, E-flat3, G3, B-flat3, D4, E-flat4.

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13 said, to you who for re - fuge to

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16 Je - sus have fled? Fear \_\_\_

1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5 "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."