

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

Words: "K" in Rippon, John, 1787, "A selection of hymns"

Music: Early American melody

G C G D

Verse 1: How firm a foun-da-tion, ye saints of the Lord,

G C G D G

Is laid for your faith in His ex-cel-lent word!

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What more can He say than to you He hath said,

G C G D G

To you who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?

Verse 2: Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

Verse 3: When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

Verse 4: When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

Verse 5: The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake.