

How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your
 2. In ev - 'ry con - di - tion — in sick - ness in health, In pov - er - ty's
 3. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis-mayed! For I am thy
 4. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go, The riv - ers of
 5. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie, My grace all - suf -
 6. "E'en down to old age, all my peop - le shall prove My sov - 'reign e -
 7. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose, I will not, I

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 faith in his ex - cel - lent word; What more can he say than to
 vale, or a - boun - ding in wealth, At home and a - broad, on the
 God, and will still give thee aid; I'll streng-then thee, help thee, and
 sor - row shall not thee o'er - flow; For I will be with thee, thy
 fic - ient shall be thy sup - ply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I
 ter - nal, un - chan - gea - ble love; And then, when grey hairs shall their
 can - not, de - sert to his foes: That soul, though all hell should en -

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 you he hath said? You, who un - to Je - sus, for ref - uge have fled.
 land, on the sea, As thy days may de - mand, so thy suc - cor shall be.
 cause thee to stand, Up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 troub - les to bless, And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign, Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 tem - ples a - dorn, Like lambs they shall still in my bos - om be borne.
 dea - vor to shake, I'll ne - ver — no, ne - ver, no, ne - ver for - sake!"

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