

How Firm A Foundation

Traditional American Tune

John Rippon, 1787

E A E E A B
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
E A E C#m E B7 E
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
E C#m A C#m A B
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
E A E C#m E B7 E
To you who for refuge to Jesus hath fled.

E A E E A B
"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
E A E C#m E B7 E
For I am your God, and will still give thee aid;
E C#m A C#m A B
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand,
E A E C#m E B7 E
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

E A E E A B
"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
E A E C#m E B7 E
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
E C#m A E A B
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
E A E C#m B7 E
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

E A E E A B
"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
E A E C#m E B7 E
My grace, all sufficient shall be thy supply;
E C#m A E A B
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
E A E C#m E B7 E
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

E A E E A B
"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
E A E C#m E B7 E
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
E C#m A E A B
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
E A E C#m E B7 E
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"