

How Firm A Foundation

Traditional American Tune

John Rippon, 1787

F Bb F F Bb C
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
F Bb F Dm F C7 F
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
F Dm Bb Dm Bb C
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
F Bb F Dm F C7 F
To you who for refuge to Jesus hath fled.

F Bb F F Bb C
"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
F Bb F Dm F C7 F
For I am your God, and will still give thee aid;
F Dm Bb Dm Bb C
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand,
F Bb F Dm F C7 F
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

F Bb F F Bb C
"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
F Bb F Dm F C7 F
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
F Dm Bb F Bb C
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
F Bb F Dm F C7 F
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

F Bb F F Bb C
"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
F Bb F Dm F C7 F
My grace, all sufficient shall be thy supply;
F Dm Bb F Bb C
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
F Bb F Dm F C7 F
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

F Bb F F Bb C
"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
F Bb F Dm F C7 F
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
F Dm Bb F Bb C
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
F Bb F Dm F C7 F
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"