

How Firm a Foundation

American Traditional Hymn

Foundation
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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble clef starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass line starts with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, B3, and C4. A measure rest of 5 is indicated above the treble staff at the beginning of the fifth measure.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble staff has a measure rest of 10 above the fourth measure. The bass line continues with quarter notes D4, E4, and F#4.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff has a measure rest of 15 above the fourth measure. The piece ends with a double bar line. The bass line continues with quarter notes G4, A4, and B4.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

When through fiery trials thy pathways 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.

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

The soul that on Jesus has leaned 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.

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.

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