

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Verse

How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed;
“When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
“When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
“E’en down to old age all my peo - ple shall prove
“The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

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is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;
my sov - ereign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;
I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

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What more can he say than to you he has said,
I’ll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and when ho - ry hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,
that soul, though all hell should en - dea - vor to shake,

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to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
like lambs they shall still in my bos - om be borne.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake."