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How Firm a Foundation

"K" in Rippon's "A Selection of Hymns," 1787

Early American Melody

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. Fear not; I am with thee. Oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3. When thro' the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. When thro' fie - ry tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5. E'en down to old age all My peo - ple shall prove
 6. The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid.
 The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply.
 My sov' - reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 For I will be with thee thy tri - als to bless,
 The flames shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 And when hoar - y hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,
 That soul, tho' all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 Up - held by My gra - cious, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 Thy dross to con - sume and thy 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.