

How firm a foundation

G C G A⁷ G (D G) D

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed;
 3 "When through the deep wat - ers I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "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 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;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

D Em C G (D G) D

What more can he say than to you he has 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 flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - our to shake,

(D⁷) G C G A⁷ G D⁷ G

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my right - eous, 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.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

Text: J. Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787
 Tune: American traditional melody

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