

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

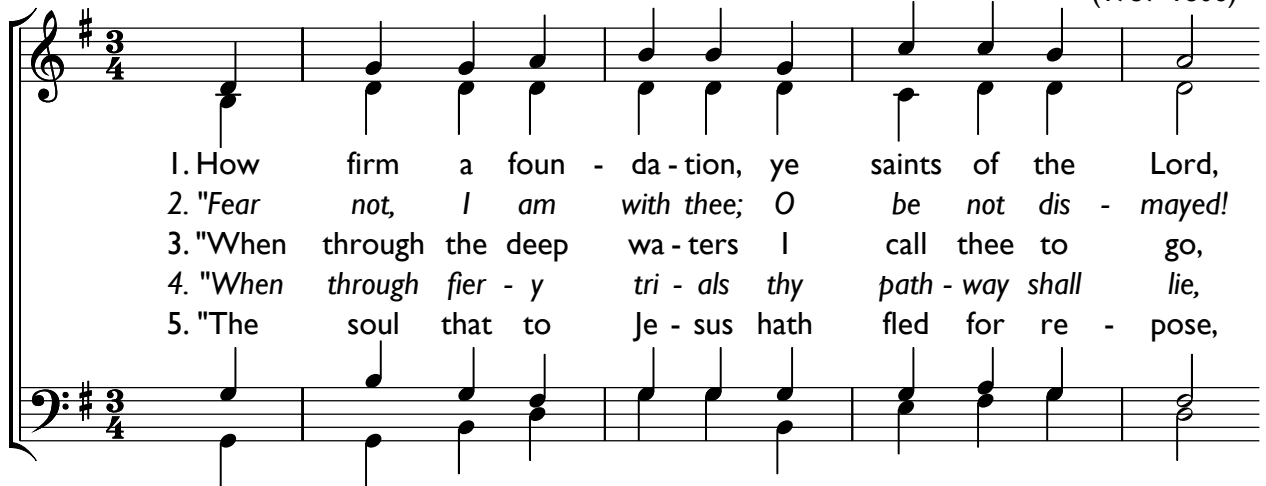
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1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5. "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
I will not, I will not de - sert to its 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 trou - bles to bless,
the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - our to shake,



to you that 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."