

# How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
 2. Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
 3. When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,

Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.  
 For I am your God, I will still give you aid;  
 My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;

What more can He say than to you He has said,  
 I'll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flame shall not hurt you; I on-ly de-sign

To you who to God for your refuge have fled:  
 Up-held by My gracious, om-ni-po-tent hand;  
 Your dross to consume and your gold to re-fine.

Isaiah 41:10; 43:2 / II Corinthians 12:9. Although this text is most commonly joined with ADESTE FIDELES (hymn 123), it is commonly combined with the shape-note melody given here, a coupling that originates in hymnals from the mid-19th century.

WORDS: Rippon's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, adapt., alt.  
 MUSIC: American melody, Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832; harm. CSPS

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