

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION (2010)

for three-part equal men's voices

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Text: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787

Melody: Traditional American melody,

Caldwell's *Union Harmony*, 1837

Duration: 6 minutes

Con brio $\text{♩} = 88$

When text is
not indicated
(sustained
tones), hum.

f sempre

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is
How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is
How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is

2 laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word! What more can He say than to
laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word! What more can He say than to
laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word! What more can He say than to

3 you He hath said, To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
you He hath said, To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled? Fear
you He hath said, To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled? Fear

(hum)

not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed, For I am thy God, and will
 not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed, For I am thy God, and will

still give thee aid; I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Up -
 still give thee aid; I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Up -

held by My right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand. When through fier - y tri - als thy
 held by My right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand. (hum)

path - way shall lie, My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply: The

A musical score for bass voice, featuring four systems of music. The score consists of four staves, each starting with a bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the staff where they align with the vocal line. The music includes various note heads (circles and dots) and stems, with some stems having small vertical dashes. Measure numbers are implied by the placement of the lyrics.

flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign Thy dross to con - sume and thy

gold to re - fine. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is

laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word! What more can He say than to

you He hath said, To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled? Fear

not, I am with thee; O be not dis-mayed, For I am thy God, and will

still give thee aid; I'll strength-en thee, help ^{thee,} and cause thee to stand, Up-held by My

right-eous, om-nip - o - tent hand. When through fier-y tri - als thy path-way shall

lie, My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - supply: The flame shall not

hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re -
 How
 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is
 fine.
 firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His
 laid for your faith in His ex - cel-lent Word! What more can He say than to
 ex - cel-lent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, To
 you He hath said, To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled? How
 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the
 you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled? How firm a foun -

firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His
 Lord, Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel-lent Word! What more can He
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 ex - cel-lent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, To
 say than to you He hath said, To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have
 Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for
 you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled? Fear not, I am with thee; O
 fled? Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed, For
 ref - uge to Je - sus have fled? Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis -
 be not dis-mayed, For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll
 I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and
 mayed, For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strength-en thee,

thee,
 strength-en thee, help and cause thee to stand, Up - held by My right-eous, om-
 cause thee to stand, Up - held by My right-eous, om-nip - o - tent hand.
 help thee, and cause thee to stand, Up - held by My right-eous, om-nip - o - tent
 nip - o - tent hand. When through fier-y tri - als thy path - way shall
 When through fier-y tri - als thy path - way shall lie, My grace,
 hand. When through fier-y tri - als thy path-way shall lie, My grace, all suf -
 lie, My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply: The flame shall not
 all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply: The flame shall not hurt thee; I on -
 fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply: The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de -
 hurt thee; I on - ly de-sign Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re -
 ly de-sign Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine. The
 sign Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.

fine. The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose I will not, I
 soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose I will not, I will not de -
 The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose I will not, I will
 will not de -sert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should en-deav - or to
 sert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should en-deav - or to shake, I'll
 not de-sert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should en-deav - or to shake,
 shake, I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake, nev - er for - sake,
 nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake, nev - er for - sake, nev -
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake, nev - er for -
 nev - er for - sake! How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the
 er for - sake, nev - er for - sake!
 sake, nev - er for - sake, nev - er for - sake!

held by My right-eous, om-nip-o-tent hand. (hum)

When through fier-y tri-als thy

path-way shall lie, My grace, all suf-fi-cient, shall be thy sup-ply: The

flame shall not hurt thee; I on-ly de-sign Thy dross to con-sume and thy

gold to re-fine. (hum)

The soul that on Je-sus hath leaned for re-pose I will not, I

will not de - sert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should en-deav - or to
no, nev - er for -
nev - er for - sake,
shake, I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake, no,
sake, nev - er for-sake, nev - er for-sake, nev - er for -
nev - er for-sake, no, nev - er for-sake, nev - er for-sake,
nev - er for - sake, nev - er for-sake, nev - er for - sake, nev -
sake, for - sake! [] A - men.
no, nev - er for - sake! [] A - men.
er for-sake, for - sake! A - men.

[] Optional ending: [ .] [ ]

Alternate optional ending: top part sings notes in brackets (only). Otherwise, no brackets.