

# HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION (2010)

alternate version for three-part equal women'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

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(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 -  
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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

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

The musical score consists of five staves of music for three voices. The voices are arranged in a treble-clef setting. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, appearing below the notes where appropriate.

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

thee,  
aid; I'll strength -en thee, help 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

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 Je - sus have fled? Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed, For  
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 grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply: The flame shall not hurt thee; I  
 cient, shall be thy sup - supply: The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de-sign  
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 Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose I will not, I will not de-sert to its  
 that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose I will not, I will not de-sert  
 sert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should en-deav - or to shake, I'll  
 foes; That soul, though all hell should en-deav - or to shake, I'll nev - er, no,  
 to its foes; That soul, though all hell should en-deav - or to shake, I'll nev -  
 nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake, nev - er for-sake, nev - er  
 nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake, nev - er for - sake, nev - er for -  
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no, nev - er for - sake,

nev - er for - sake, nev -

nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake, no, nev - er for -

nev - er for-sake, nev - er for - sake, nev - er for - sake,

er for-sake, no, nev - er for-sake, nev - er for-sake, no,

sake, nev - er for-sake, nev - er for-sake, nev - er for-sake,

[ ( ) ] Optional ending:

**for - sake!**      A - men.

**nev - er for - sake!**      A - men.

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