How Firm a Foundation

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John F. Wade's "Canisius Hymns," 1751
K. Rippon's "A Selection of Hymns," 1787, al.

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
   To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2 Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,
   Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3 When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
   And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
4 When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
   Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.  A-men.

Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.

What more can he say then to you he hath said,
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless.
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design

To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
   I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
   That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
   I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake,
   I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

God Is My Strong Salvation

Based on Psalm 27
James Montgomery, 1771-1854
Melody by Melchior Vulpius, c.1560-1616

1 God is my strong salvation; What foe have I to fear?
2 Though hosts encamp a-round me, Firm in the fight I stand;
3 Place on the Lord reliance, My soul, with courage wait;
4 His might thy heart shall strengthen, His love thy joy increase;

In darkness and temp-tation My light, my help is near.
What terror can confound me, With God at my right hand?
His truth be thine assurance, When faint and desolate.
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; The Lord will give thee peace. A-men.

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