How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
   is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
   What more can he say than to you he has said,
   to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
   for I am your God and will still give you aid;
   I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
   and sanctify to you your deep distress.

3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
   the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
   for I will be with you in trouble to bless,
   and sanctify to you your deep distress.

4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
   my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;
   the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
   your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
   shall not be moved; when earth's忧 is past
   that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
   I'll never, no never, no never for sake!"

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