



How firm a foundation

E 145

S.A.T.B.

[+ Congregation (opt.)]

Words from

John Rippon's collection, 1787

Early American Hymn

arranged by

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Andante (♩ = 72)

ORGAN

mf

Man. Ped.

VERSE 1
***f* CHOIR and CONGREGATION**

1. How firm a found-a - tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is

laid for your faith — in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to

Melody from *The Sacred Harp* (1844). It had also appeared in a collection of 1817.

you he hath said, To you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?

VERSES 2 and 4

S. A. *mf* 2. 'Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis-mayed, For

CHOIR with ORGAN *f* 4. 'When through fie - ry tri - als thy path - way shall lie, My

T. B. *ad lib.*

I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll streng - then thee, help thee and grace, all-suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup-ply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I

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cause thee to stand, Up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
on - ly de - sign Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.

VERSE 3

CHOIR 1 and/or CONGREGATION

mf

3. When _ through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go, The _

Organ *mp*

Ah

CHOIR 2 and ORGAN *mp*

cresc.

ri - vers of woe _ shall not thee ov - er - flow; For I will be with thee, thy

cresc. *mf*

cresc. *mf*

dim.

trou - bles to bless, And _ san - cti - fy to _ thee thy deep - est dis - tress.

dim.

dim.

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VERSE 5

DESCANT (SOPRANOS)

f Ah _____ Ah _____

f MELODY (ALL OTHER VOICES)

5. The ___ soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose, I ___ will not, I will ___ not de -

f (Ped.)

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cresc. Ah _____ *ff* I'll _____

cresc. - sert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should en - dea - vour to shake, I'll _____

cresc. *ff* *Largamente*

ne - ver, no, ne - ver, no, ne - ver for - sake.' _____

ne - ver, no, ne - ver, no, ne - ver for - sake.' _____

