How Firm a Foundation

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

2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, 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,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

3 “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

4 “Through-out all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”

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