

# How Firm A Foundation (F Major)

Words: J. Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787; Music: Traditional, from J. Funk's compilation, 1832.

F Bb F/A F C  
1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
F Bb F/A Dm F/C C Bb C  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
F Dm Bb/D F C  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
F Bb F/A Dm F/C C (Bbmaj7 Csus-C)  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

F Bb F/A F C  
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
F Bb F/A Dm F/C C Bb C  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
F Dm Bb/D F C  
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand  
F Bb F/A Dm F/C C (Bbmaj7 Csus-C)  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

F Bb F/A F C  
3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
F Bb F/A Dm F/C C Bb C  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
F Dm Bb/D F C  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
F Bb F/A Dm F/C C (Bbmaj7 Csus-C)  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

F Bb F/A F C  
4. "When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie,  
F Bb F/A Dm F/C C Bb C  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
F Dm Bb/D F C  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
F Bb F/A Dm F/C C (Bbmaj7 Csus-C)  
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

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