

How Firm a Foundation, You Saints of the Lord

John Rippon's "A Selection of Hymns" / SAINT DENIO



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,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of woe shall not you overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you, your deepest distress."
4. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

Inspiration: Isaiah 41: 10, 43: 2; Romans 8: 3-39; Hebrews 13: 5; Deuteronomy 31: 6.
Lyrics: 11.11.11.11; "K" (attributed as Robert Keene) in John Rippon's "A Selection of Hymns", 1787.
Music: SAINT DENIO (JOANNA); traditional Welsh melody; adapted in John Roberts' "Canaidau y Cyssegr" ("Hymns of the Sanctuary"), 1839.