

How Firm a Foundation

Majestically ♩ = 106-120

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three verses. The first system includes the first three lines of the first verse. The second system includes the last two lines of the first verse and the first two lines of the second verse. The third system includes the last two lines of the second verse and the first two lines of the third verse. The fourth system includes the last two lines of the third verse. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are some dynamic markings like 'p' (piano) and 'f' (forte) throughout the score.

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye Saints of the Lord, Is
2. In ev - 'ry con - di - tion - in sick - ness, in health, In
3. Fear not, I am with thee; oh, be not dis - mayed, For

laid for your faith in his ex - cell - ent word! What
pov - er - ty's vale or a - bound - ing in wealth, At
I am thy God and will still give thee aid. I'll

more can he say than to you he hath said, Who
home or a - broad, on the land or the sea - As thy
strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Up -

un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge, for ref - uge have fled?
days may de - mand, so thy suc - cor, thy suc - cor shall be.
held by my righ - teous, my righ - teous om - ni - po - tent hand.

Text: Attr. to Robert Keen, ca. 1787
Music: Johannes Brahms, 1877; altered

SYMPHONY
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