

How firm a Foundation

Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1751

Portuguese Hymn
(Adeste Fideles)

The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'How firm a Foundation'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score is arranged in four systems, each with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The first system includes a fingering '5' above the fifth measure. The second system includes a fingering '10' above the tenth measure. The third system includes a fingering '15' above the fifteenth measure. The fourth system includes a fingering '20' above the twentieth measure. The music features a steady bass line and a melody in the treble clef with various ornaments and phrasing.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen and help thee, and cause
thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not depart to His foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”

John Rippon