How Firm A Foundation

Traditional English	Modern English
Verse 1 **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**	Verse 1 What a strong foundation, people who belong to God Your faith is built on the truth of God's Word. What more could anyone say than what God has already told you? You who have turned to Jesus for safety and protection.
Verse 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** (omnipotent = all-powerful)	Verse 2 Don't be afraid. I am with you, so don't lose hope I am your God, and I will always help you I will give you strength, help you, and keep you standing I will hold you up with my perfectly good and all-powerful hand.
Verse 3 **When through the deep waters, I call you to go** **The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow** **For I will be with you, your troubles to bless** **And sanctify to you, your deepest distress**	Verse 3 When I lead you through difficult and overwhelming situations, Your sadness will not overcome you. I will be right beside you and use your hardships for your good. I will use your greatest suffering to become more like Christ.
Verse 4 **When through fiery trials, your pathway shall lie** **My grace all-sufficient, shall be your supply** **The flame shall not hurt you, I only design** **Your dross to consume and your gold to refine** (dross = impurities)	Verse 4 When you face extremely difficult challenges in life, My grace will be everything you need These trials will not destroy you. My purpose is To burn away what is sinful and strengthen what is good.
Verse 5 **The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose** **I will not, I will not desert to his foes** **That soul though all hell, should endeavor to shake** **I'll never no never, no never forsake** (repose = rest)	Verse 5 Anyone who has trusted Jesus and found rest in him, I will never abandon them or leave them defenseless against their enemies. Even if every power of hell tries to destroy their faith, I will absolutely never, ever abandon them.

1 Peter 2:4-6
As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

Isaiah 28:16
therefore thus says the Lord God,
“Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion,
    a stone, a tested stone,
a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation:
    ‘Whoever believes will not be in haste.’

Psalm 118:22
The stone that the builders rejected
    has become the cornerstone.

Ephesians 2:19-21
So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

Matthew 7:24-25
“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

1 Corinthians 3:11
For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

[Verse 1]
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name

[Chorus]
Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all

[Verse 2]
When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

[Chorus]
Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all
He is Lord, Lord of all

[Verse 3]
When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

[Chorus]
Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all