

Foundation

R. Keen (c. 1787)
11 11.11 11 anapaestic

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Foundation'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The music is written in an anapaestic meter (11 11.11 11). The first system covers the first two lines of the lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a supporting bass line in the bass clef.

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,
Who unto the Saviour for refuge have fled.

2

In ev'ry condition, in sickness, in health,
In poverty's vale or abounding in wealth,
At home or abroad, on the land or the sea,
As thy days may demand, so thy succour shall be.

3

Fear not, I am with thee; oh, be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, And cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

4

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I cannot, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!