The Church Has One Foundation

"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid..." (I Cor. 3:11)

1. The church has one foundation, 'Tis Jesus Christ her Lord;
   She is His new creation, By water and the word;
   From heaven He came and sought her, To be His holy bride;
   With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

2. Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
   Her character of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
   One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
   And to one hope she press es, With every grace endowed.

3. Though with a scornful wonder, Men see her sore oppressed,
   Though foes would rend a sun der The Rock where she doth rest,
   Yet saints their faith are keeping: Their cry goes up, "How long?"
   And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

4. 'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
   She waits the consummation, Of peace for ever more;
   Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
   And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

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