Ancient Words, a flowing worship song by Lynn DeShazo, speaks of the power of God’s Word, words written long ago yet relevant for our spiritual journey today. Mark Hayes has combined this beautiful melody with the time-honored hymn tune, “How Firm a Foundation,” which has a similar focus textually. He uses just the right combination of unison, 2-part and 4-part writing, making this an easy anthem to learn. “Ancient Words” can be sung throughout the year and is especially appropriate for blended worship.

Mark Hayes is an internationally known and award-winning composer, arranger, concert pianist, and conductor with over 1,000 publications in print. Whether concertizing on the other side of the globe or composing at his home in Kansas City, Missouri, Mark is blessed to live out his mission “to create beautiful music for the world.”
ANCIENT WORDS

with “How Firm a Foundation”

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied*

Words and Music by LYNN DESHAZO

Arranged by MARK HAYES (ASCAP)

Moderately, with a steady tempo (\( q = 72 \))

SOPRANO / ALTO

Holy words, long preserved, for our walk in this

world; they resound with God’s own heart. O let the ancient words im-

* To purchase a full-length performance recording (45495) of this piece, go to alfred.com/downloads.

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Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world, where-e’er we roam, ancient words will guide us.
Ancient words, ever home.

true, changing my and changing on. We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words im-

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Holy words of our handed down to this age, came to us through sacrificial
fice. O heed the faith-ful words of Christ.

Holy words, long pre-served for our walk in this world; they re sound with God’s own
God's own heart. O let the ancient words impart.

heart; O let the ancient words impart.

How firm a foundation saints of the Lord, is laid for your

* Tune: FOUNDATION, John Rippon’s Selection of Hymns, 1787
Words: Joseph Funk’s Genuine Church Music, 1832
faith in His excellent Word! What more can I
say than to you He has said, you who for
refuge in Jesus have fled?

Ancient
words, ever change the and changing

you. We have come with open hearts. O let the

ancient words impart. Ancient words, ever
ever true, changing me and changing you.

We have true, changing me, and changing you.

come with open hearts. Let the ancient words in part.

O let the ancient words in part.