

**Standing Firm** is an exciting gospel original by Mark Hayes that combines creative traditional gospel elements such as call-and-response, syncopated rhythms and blues harmonies. Complete with a fresh compelling message of strength and encouragement by Tina English, this anthem is a conduit of joy to the believer! The musical ideas and text continue to lift through the key changes with a powerful shift in dynamics, allowing the piece to build and soar to a commanding finish.

Suggested corresponding scripture readings include Luke 6:48, Luke 21:19, II Timothy 2:19, Ephesians 6:14 and Philippians 1:27.

**Tina English**, an ASCAP composer entered the choral publishing world as a student at Baylor University. She has composed hundreds of choral anthems, musicals, children's songs and hymns, and has works recorded by the Imperials, Larnelle Harris and other artists. She is a recording artist, studio singer and educator, and received an Artist in Education appointment from the Texas Commission on the Arts. Tina lives in McKinney, Texas with her husband, Dr. James Davis. They have three children.

**Mark Hayes** is an internationally known and award-winning composer, arranger, concert pianist and conductor with over 1,000 publications in print. His music can be found in the libraries of churches, schools and community choruses all over the world. 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."

# STANDING FIRM

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied,  
with optional instrumental ensemble\*

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**TINA ENGLISH**

*Music by*  
**MARK HAYES**

**With energy (♩ = ca. 138)**

ACCOMP.

4

SOPRANO / ALTO

TENOR / BASS

7

9

Stand - ing firm!

mf

9

mf

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Standing firm!

F/A      Gm7      Bm7(ø5)      Csus      C

On the Rock of our Sal - va - tion, stand - ing

F      Cm6/A      B<sup>ø</sup>7      Gm/B<sup>ø</sup>      B<sup>ø</sup>      G7sus      G7

firm. For Je - sus is the strong foun - da - tion, and in

Gm7/C      C7      [17] Cm9      F7      B9(ø5)

19

Him we are se - cure. Though we may not know what

Gm/B<sup>b</sup>      B<sup>b</sup>      Bdim7      F/C      F<sup>+</sup>/C<sup>#</sup>

22

each day holds, we're stand - ing, stand-ing firm!

Dm      G7(B)      B<sup>b</sup>/C, C7      F      Am7      B<sup>b</sup>

25

B<sup>b</sup>/C      F      Am7      B<sup>b</sup>      B<sup>b</sup>/C

6

[28] *mp*

In our weak - est moments, we're threat - end by

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fear.

But God knows all His chil - dren,

Fsus F B<sup>b</sup> F2/A

34

*mf* [36]

And though we may - not un -

*mf*

and He keeps - us near.

E<sup>b</sup>maj7 B<sup>b</sup>/D Csus C

[36] Am7 D7/A Gm<sup>7</sup>

*mf*

37

- der-stand, and we're temp-ted to run\_\_\_ and hide,\_\_\_ our

Gm7 B<sup>b</sup>/C C7 Fmaj9

40

God still rules\_\_\_ from hea - ven. We know the Lord\_\_\_ will lis -

Em<sup>7</sup> A7(<sup>9</sup>#5) A7(#5) Dm11 Dm7 Gm7 F2/A B<sup>b</sup>maj 7

43

f  
ten, and hear our cries.

f

Bm7(<sup>b</sup>5) C7sus B<sup>b</sup>/C C7sus A<sup>b</sup>/C E<sup>b</sup>

8

46 *mf*

Stand - ing firm! Stand - ing firm!

46 F A<sup>m</sup>7 B<sup>b</sup> F/A Gm7 B<sup>m7(b5)</sup> Csus

49

On the Rock of our Sal - va - tion,

52 stand - ing firm. For Je - sus is the strong -

54 G<sup>7sus</sup> G<sup>7</sup> G<sup>m7/C</sup> C<sup>7</sup> 54 C<sup>m9</sup>

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55

foun - da - tion, and in Him we are se - cure. Though we

F7      B9(b5)      Gm/B<sup>b</sup>      B<sup>b</sup>      Bdim7

F/C      F<sup>+</sup>/C<sup>#</sup>      Dm      G7(b9)      B<sup>b</sup>/C C7

58

may not know what each day holds, we're stand - ing, stand-ing

F/C      F<sup>+</sup>/C<sup>#</sup>      Dm      G7(b9)      B<sup>b</sup>/C C7

61

firm!

F      Am7      B<sup>b</sup>      B<sup>b</sup>/C      F      Am7      B<sup>b</sup>

F      Am7      B<sup>b</sup>      B<sup>b</sup>/C      F      Am7      B<sup>b</sup>

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In times of fierc - est strug - gle, when

Em7(b5) Eflat9(#11) 65 Dm7 Gm<sup>7</sup>

dark - ness dims - our view, when we fol - low, trust-

C Csus/D C/E Fsus F B<sup>b</sup>

- ing Him, we will see what God can do! For

F2/A Eflatmaj7 Bflat7/D Csus C

73

we will not be shak - en, there's no cause for con -

73 A m7 D7/A Gm<sup>7</sup> Gm7 B<sup>b</sup>/C C7

76 cern. We'll fix our eyes on Je sus, and

F maj 7 E m7 A 7(9#5) A 7(5) D m11 D m7

79 just stand firm!

G m7 B<sup>b</sup>/D B<sup>b</sup>2/C C

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12

[82]

*mp*

Stand - ing firm, —

stand - ing firm, —

*mp*

N.C.

For — our God is with — us;

strong —

[82]

F

*f**mp*

85

*mf*

stand - ing firm, —

- est in our bro-ken-ness; in the midst of trou - ble

*mf*

Let ev'-ry-bod - y trust -

88

stand - ing firm. —

Trust His

Let ev'-ry-bod - y trust -

F

Am7(♭5)

noth - ing is im - pos - si - ble!

Trust

His

B♭

B♭/C

Gm7

F/A

*f*

His Ho - ly Word! *ff*

Ho - ly Word! Word!

His Ho - ly Word! Word!

Ho - ly Word! Gm7/C C/D *ff*

94 *f* Stand - ing firm. Stand - ing firm.

94 G Bm7 C G/E A m7 C#m7(5) Dsus *f*

97 On the Rock of our Sal - va - tion,

D G Dm6/B C7 Am/C C

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stand - ing firm. For Je - sus is the strong -

102

A 7sus A 7 Am7/D D7 Dm9

103

foun - da - tion, and in Him we are se - cure. Though we

G7 C<sup>#</sup>(<sup>b</sup>5) A<sup>m</sup>/C C C<sup>#</sup>dim7

106

may not know what each day holds, — we're stand - ing, — stand-ing

G/D G<sup>+</sup>/D<sup>#</sup> Em A7(<sup>b</sup>9) C/D D7

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110

firm. Though we may not know what each day holds,

G C<sup>#</sup>dim7 110 G/D G<sup>+</sup>/D<sup>#</sup> Em

112

— we're stand - ing, stand - ing

D 7sus C/D

Am7

ff f firm! f Stand - ing firm,

Stand strong, stand firm, stand strong, stand

G G7/B C D 7sus G G7/B C

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Musical score for two voices and piano. The vocal parts are in soprano and bass clef, and the piano part is in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp. Measure 118 starts with a piano dynamic. The vocal parts enter with the lyrics "stand - ing firm," followed by a piano dynamic. The vocal parts continue with "firm!" and "Stand strong," followed by a piano dynamic. The vocal parts end with "stand, stand - ing." Measures 119 and 120 show piano chords labeled D 7sus, G, G/B, C, and C/D. The vocal parts sing "firm!" and "N.C." (Non-Chorus) respectively. The piano part ends with a dynamic of *molto rit.*

Musical score for two voices and piano. The vocal parts are in soprano and bass clef, and the piano part is in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp. Measure 121 starts with a piano dynamic *ff*. The vocal parts enter with the lyrics "firm! firm!" followed by a piano dynamic *ff*. The vocal parts end with "N.C." Measures 122 and 123 show piano chords labeled G and V. The vocal parts sing "firm!" and "N.C." respectively. The piano part ends with a dynamic of *molto rit.*

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