



THE SOLID ROCK

WRITTEN BY EDWARD MOTE

Edward Mote did not grow up in a Christian home. In fact, his home was almost as far from a Christian home as could be. His parents were pub owners in London in the late 1700s. They never took Edward to church. He did not know God, but God knew Edward. Mote worked as an apprentice for a cabinet maker. He was influenced by his boss to attend church. The sermons that he heard there ended up having him fully surrender his life to Christ.

At age 55, Mote entered ministry and in 1834 he began to write a song. He would write it on his way to work and keep the paper in his pocket. One week at church, a man asked him to visit his dying wife. He asked Mote to pray, read scripture, and sing. With no hymnal available Mote remembered he had the papers of the song he had been writing in his pocket and that is the song he sang. The Solid Rock was one of nearly 100 hymns he would go on to write.

VERSE 1

**My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name**

VERSE 2

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil**

CHORUS

**On Christ the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand**

VERSE 3

**His oath, His covenant, His blood
support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay**



CHORUS


**On Christ the solid rock I stand;
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VERSE 4

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne**

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But each man must be careful how he builds... For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

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