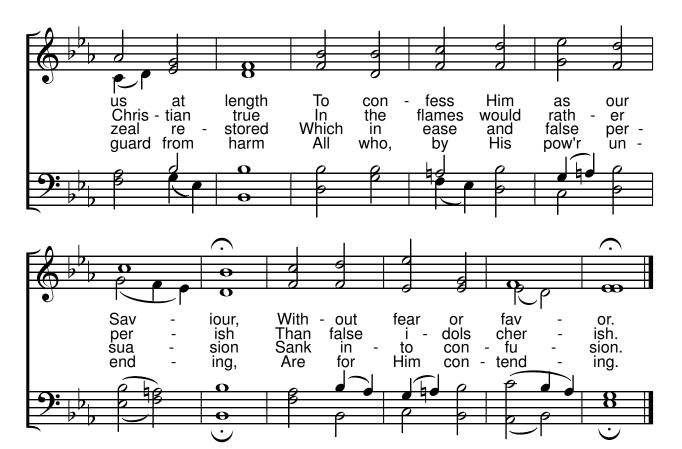
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- 5. So stand fast, ye faithful;
  Though the foe seem dreadful,
  Help is at your side.
  Christ in triumph rising,
  Haughty foes despising,
  Will defeat their pride.
  Though, behold, A lion bold,
  Or a Nero should o'ertake you,
  God will not forsake you!
- 6. Though proud seas endeavor
  Our small bark to sever
  From its faithful guard,
  Though great storms are roaring;
  Though great billows soaring,
  May distress it hard.
  Christ, the Lord, Will help afford;
  In the very darkest hour
  He will show His power.
- 7. Though my foes are pressing
  And my ship distressing,
  God is e'er my shield;
  It shall not be shattered;
  God the waves will scatter;
  It will never yield.
  Then at last, All danger past,
  With our Pilot, Christ, commanding,
  Find its heav'nly landing.

- 8. Should our vessel flounder,
  Peter nigh go under,
  Jonah near be lost;
  Should a Paul be drifting,
  Still God's arms are lifting
  All the tempest-tossed;
  Noah found A landing-ground;
  He and his by God were cherished,
  Though the whole world perished.
- 9. O, be glad, my brothers;
  Brave the hate of others;
  And be not dismayed.
  Though vain men assail you,
  Let your faith not fail you;
  Still be unafraid.
  God hath shown More power alone
  Than great hosts in armor trusting,
  For your downfall lusting.
- 10. Let from every angle
  Storms our ships entangle;
  God is in command!
  It will not go under
  Or through weakness founder,
  But come safe to land;
  For at last, The storms all pass,
  Christ, our great and mighty Pilot,
  Will to heaven guide it!

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