The Rock and the Sand

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1. On what are you building, my brother, Your hopes of an eternal home? Is it loose shifting sand, or the firm solid rock, You are trusting for ages to come? Hearing and doing, we build on the rock; only the rock the trial will stand.

2. On one or the other, my brother, You are building your hopes day by day; Is it loose shifting sand, or the firm solid rock, You are risking your soul on the works that you do, Will the dark waters sweep you away? Hearing and doing, we build on the rock; you be left perishing there.

3. Your Savior has warned you, my brother, I pray you give heed to His voice; There is life on the rock, but death on the sand; Oh, pare; 'Twill be all swept away when the floods shall descend, And 'Twill be all swept away when the floods shall descend, And

4. No matter how careful, my brother, The sand for your house you prepare; 'Twill be all swept away when the floods shall descend, And

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Hearing alone, we build on the sand; Both will be tried by the storm and the flood;

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