

Amazing Grace

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), 1772; in *Olney Hymns* (1779), p. 53-54; altered

Music: Appalachian folk hymn, 19th century

Tune Name: NEW BRITAIN; in *The Southern Harmony and Musical Companion* (1835), p. 8

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With gratitude ♩ = 66

1. A - maz - ing grace! (how sweet the sound!) That saved a wretch like me, _____

The first system of musical notation for 'Amazing Grace' is in 3/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody begins with a quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes on A4, B4, and C5. The bass line consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The lyrics are: '1. A - maz - ing grace! (how sweet the sound!) That saved a wretch like me, _____'.

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see. _____
see, now I see.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a measure rest of 9 measures. The lyrics are: 'I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see. _____ see, now I see.'

2. 'Twas grace that *[wiped a - way my tears], And grace my fears re - lieved; _____
(alto:) fears, my fears re-lieved;

The third system of musical notation features a measure rest of 17 measures. The melody includes a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: '2. 'Twas grace that *[wiped a - way my tears], And grace my fears re - lieved; _____ (alto:) fears, my fears re-lieved;'

How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved. _____
first, that I first be - lieved.

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a measure rest of 25 measures. The lyrics are: 'How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved. _____ first, that I first be - lieved.'

*Wiped away my tears: see Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 7:17

The hour I first believed: see Mark 9:24

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3. Thru man - y dan-gers, toils, and snares I have al - read - y come;_____

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"Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

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4. [For,] the LORD has prom-ised good to me; His word my hope se - cures;_____

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He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures._____

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And His grace leads me home!_____