

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 clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first line of music ends with a fermata over the final note.

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 bass line. It includes a measure rest of 9 measures at the beginning. The melody features a series of eighth notes and quarter notes, with a fermata at the end of the line.

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 includes a measure rest of 17 measures at the beginning. The melody features several triplet markings (3) over groups of notes. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

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 bass line. It includes a measure rest of 25 measures at the beginning. The melody features several triplet markings (3) over groups of notes. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

*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.

Slower

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And His grace leads me home!