

AMAZING GRACE

(words by **John Newton** (1725-1807))

Amazing 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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home. ¹

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

²Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail ³
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be for ever mine.

When we've been there a⁴ thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun. ⁵

¹ In the hymn book *Hymns and Psalms*, '*'Tis grace*' is altered to '*God's grace*' in verse 3 line 3. And correspondingly, '*And grace will*' is altered to '*And he will*' in line 4 of the same verse.

² In the hymn book *Hymns and Psalms*, '*Yes,*' is altered to '*And,*' in verse 5 line 1.

³ In some hymn books, '*flesh and heart*' is altered to '*heart and flesh*' in verse 5 line 1.

⁴ In some hymn books, '*a thousand years*' is altered to '*ten thousand years*' in verse 7 line 1.

⁵ The concluding verse (v.7) of the hymn was not by John Newton but its origin is unknown.

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