

## Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

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 first taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

My rebel soul, that once withstood  
the Savior's kindest call,  
rejoices now, by grace subdued,  
to serve him with its all.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
God's grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

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

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

What thanks I owe you, and what love-  
a boundless, endless store-  
shall echo through the realms above  
when time shall be no more.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine;  
but God, who called me here below,  
will be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.

Some sources indicate that Cowper and Rees were involved in the editing of this hymn. The text has been altered and adapted many times in various hymnals. Despite its general popularity, it is only in the last thirty years that Amazing grace has appeared in official Anglican hymnals.

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