

Amazing Grace

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Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
5 was blind, but now I see.

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

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
15 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
20 as long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
25 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,
30 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
35 Than when we first begun.