

The Hymnal 1982 - #671 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \* 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.*

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- 1 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.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
     and grace my fears relieved;

- how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!
- 3 The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.
- 4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
- 5 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'd first begun.

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