

New Version of Amazing Grace

The year-2024 unofficial-LDS version of “[Amazing Grace](#)” has seven verses, with #5 and #7 being traditional:

Through many dangers, toils, and snares . . .

and verse seven:

When we’ve been there ten thousand years . . .

Amazing Grace

text by John Newton and Jonathan David Whitcomb

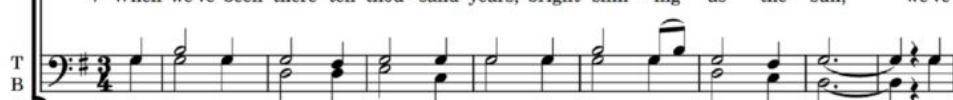
harmonized by J. D. Whitcomb

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1 A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound: the Ho - ly Spir - it's voice! I
2 The Sa - vior gives us life a - new and heals both wretch and saint and
3 A - maz - ing grace! The Sa - vior's hand could save some - one like me! I
4 To save us from a wretch - ed fate, He gave us grace to find Ce -
5 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I have al - read - y come. His
6 The Sav - ior said, "Come fol - low me, thy man - sion I pre - pare. Al -
7 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun, we've

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1 once was lost but now am found by Christ who is my choice.
2 e - ven those who died re - news: a - wake to nev - er faint.
3 once would sink but now I stand, was blind but now I see.
4 -les - tial thought, a heaven - ly state, ce - les - tial peace of mind.
5 grace has brought me safe thus far; His grace will lead me home.
6 -though for now you do not see, I will re - ceive you there."
7 no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.



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As of at least June 1, 2025, this version of "Amazing Grace" has not been promoted or accepted for publication by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, at least not yet. Some of the lyrics, however, were chosen with that church in mind. Verse #3 is:

*Amazing grace! The Savior's hand
Could save someone like me!
I once would sink but now I stand,
Was blind but now I see.*

Notice that the third verse refers directly to Jesus Christ on the first line. This is in keeping with the spirit of the message of the Prophet Russell M. Nelson, who has encouraged people around the world to mention the Savior whenever they talk about the atonement. Some verses of “Amazing Grace” were changed by Jonathan D. Whitcomb, an LDS member, to help people better remember Christ when they sing about his grace and listen to this new version of the third verse.

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This is one traditional version of the old Christian hymn, with three verses. It is the one used by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, at least as of June of 2025.

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[New hymns for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#)

These sacrament hymns include “Bread of Life, Living Water”, “Gethsemane” and “Now in the Garden”.

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[Lane Johnson Music](#)

He is an LDS composer and arranger.

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[11 New LDS Hymns in mid-2025](#)

These include “His Voice as the Sound”, “Look Unto Christ”, “The Lord’s my Shepherd”, and “I’m a Pioneer Too”. As of early July, 2025, these hymns are available in at least the following languages: English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish. Other languages will later be added.

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The origin of “Amazing Grace”

As ‘Amazing grace’ marks its 250th anniversary on Sunday January 1st 2023, we look at the story behind one of the world’s most famous hymns and its author, John Newton.

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