

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

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

5 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.

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

*John Newton, 1725-1807*