# **AMAZNG GRACE COUNTRY PRAISE**

LYRICS 4/4 timing

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Album: Amazing Grace 'n' Tears

VERSES =LYRICS for John Newton's "Amazing Grace"; original DDO melody (Public Domain, CCLI # 5256521)

### Traditional verses 1 and 2

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. WAS BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE!

Twas grace that taught... my heart to fear... And Grace my fears.... relieved.... How precious did.... that Grace appear.... the hour... I first... believed.

The HOUR I first BELIEVED! CHORUS 1

### CHORUS 1

No words can say my praise to You - enough to show my thanks! I cry, "Dear Jesus, I love You. In praise, I lift my hands! Give me words to tell people of Your Truth, and of Your Amazing Grace!

#### 2 Traditional verses 3 and 4

Through many dan-....gers, toils, and snares,... I have alread-... y come; 'Tis grace hath brought.... me safe thus far... and grace... will lead... me home. AND GRACE WILL BRING ME HOME!

The Lord has prom-.... ised good to me.... His Word, my hope.... secures. He will my shield ..... and portion be .... as long... as life.... endures. >> CHORUS 1

AS LONG AS LIFE ENDURES!

### Traditional verses 3 and 4

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

A LIFE OF JOY AND PEACE!

When we've been there.... 10,000 years.... bright shining as ...... the sun, We've no less days..... to sing God's praise..... than when ... we'd first .... begun! THAN WHEN WE'D FIRST BEGUN! >> CHORUS 1, then C-2 below

## CHORUS 2 (after C-1)

I give to You my Life, Jesus. I give to You my Love. Help me obey You and speak Your words, in YOUR power, I pray! Give me words to tell people of Your Truth, and of Your Amazing Grace!

Song Story. My favorite chord progression is E minor to Cmajor7 to D, throwing in an A minor or Fmajor7 chord here and there. After a horrible winter week all along the East Coast of the United States... and 7 days after a huge tree fell and hit both my vans needed for ministry, I traveled 1-1/2 hours away for a few days of prayer and retreat in a friend's "upper room". While she was at work, I went to spend some hours on the front porch... 55 degrees on the one-week anniversary of the terrible storm that shut down interstates. So as I was "just playing" on my quitar, I suddenly realized that I was playing a sorta country version of Amazing Grace, in 4/4 time instead of the usual 3/4. I sketched it into my journal and finished the chords in minutes. And just as suddenly, I realized that God was giving me ideas for what has become a chorus... a MUSICAL PRAYER of dedication to our LORD of AMAZING GRACE.