

## 8- Amazing Grace

"**Amazing Grace**" is a Christian hymn published in 1779, with words written by the English poet and clergyman John Newton (1725–1807).

Newton wrote the words from personal experience. He grew up without any particular religious conviction and became involved in the Atlantic slave trade, but later on he experienced a **spiritual conversion** and began studying Christian theology.

Ordained in the Church of England in 1764, Newton began to write hymns with poet William Cowper. "Amazing Grace" was written to **illustrate a sermon on New Year's Day of 1773**. It is unknown if there was any music accompanying the verses; it may have simply been chanted by the congregation.

With the message that **forgiveness and redemption** are possible regardless of sins committed and that the soul can be delivered from despair through the mercy of God, "Amazing Grace" is one of the **most recognizable songs in the English-speaking world and the most famous of all the folk hymns**. It has had particular influence in folk music, and has become an emblematic African American spiritual. Its universal message has been a significant factor in its crossover into secular music.

It is estimated to be performed about 10 million times annually, and has been recorded thousands of times during and since the 20th century, occasionally appearing on popular music charts.

**Youtube: Amazing Grace – Jessye Norman a capella**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8bsvJfPyB5o>

Original y traducción libre al español	
Versos originales en inglés	Traducción al español
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.	Sublime gracia Cuán dulce el sonido Que salvo a un desgraciado como yo Alguna vez estuve perdido, pero ahora me he encontrado.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.	Estuve ciego pero ahora veo Fue la gracia quien le enseñó a mi corazón a temer Y la gracia alivió mis temores Cuán preciosa se manifestó esa gracia.
Thro' many dangers, toils and snares I have already come 'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far And grace will lead me home.	En el momento que creí por primera vez Por muchos peligros, faenas y trampas ya he pasado La gracia me ha mantenido a salvo hasta ahora Y la gracia me guiará a casa
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 first begun.	Hemos estado ahí por diez mil años Brillando como el sol Nunca hemos tenido menos días para alabar a Dios Ni siquiera cuando empezamos por primera vez