

Amazing Grace!

from BLIND *to* FREE

by Lloyd Larson

Narration by Mark Cabaniss

Orchestrations by Ed Hogan

Performance time: Approximately 45 minutes

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Flute 1 & 2; Oboe; Clarinet 1 & 2, Bassoon; Horn 1 & 2;

Trumpet 1, 2, & 3; Trombone 1 & 2; Bass Trombone; Percussion; Harp;

Piano; Violin 1 & 2; Viola; Cello; Bass.

Substitute Parts: Soprano Sax/Clarinet (Sub. for Oboe); Bass Clarinet (Sub. for Bassoon); Baritone TC (Sub. for either Trombone); Synthesizer String Reduction

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NARRATION 1

(Music for “A Tapestry of Grace” begins)

JOHN: *(beginning at m. 9)* My name is John Newton. And even if you don’t know my name, you know my song. I am humbled and amazed that song has touched millions around the world. Everyone has a story, and mine is filled with rebellion, strife, and storms. But mostly, it is filled with grace.

(“A Tapestry of Grace” continues and concludes)

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A TAPESTRY OF GRACE

Arranged by LLOYD LARSON



Gently, freely (♩ = ca. 80)
*“Amazing Grace!”

Musical score for piano, measures 1 through 13. The score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The tempo is marked 'Gently, freely (♩ = ca. 80)' and the mood is '*“Amazing Grace!”'. The score includes dynamic markings: *p* (piano) at measure 1, *mp* (mezzo-piano) at measure 5, and *p* (piano) at measure 13. The score also includes a first ending bracket at measure 13, marked 'rit.' (ritardando). A large red watermark 'PREVIEW ONLY' is overlaid diagonally across the score.

*Tune: NEW BRITAIN from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. EDWIN O. EXCELL, 1900

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6 Regally (♩ = ca. 88)
 2/29 ***"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

17

19

21

23

25

27

Musical notation for measures 27-28. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody in the right hand consists of eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of quarter notes.

29

mf

Musical notation for measures 29-30. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. The dynamic marking *mf* (mezzo-forte) is present at the start of measure 29.

31

Musical notation for measures 31-32. The melody features a mix of eighth and quarter notes. The left hand continues with quarter notes.

33

f

Musical notation for measures 33-34. The melody includes dotted notes and eighth notes. The dynamic marking *f* (forte) is present at the start of measure 33.

35

Musical notation for measures 35-38. The key signature changes to two flats (B-flat and E-flat) at measure 35. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of measure 38. The final measure (38) is marked with a 4/4 time signature.

38

3

40

rit.

3

With strength (♩ = ca. 84)
"Amazing Grace!"

42

3

45

3

48

ff

3

51

p.

54

f

57

ff

cresc. poco a poco

60

ff

63

molto rit.

NARRATION 2

NARRATOR: We now travel to London, and the year is 1725. There, John Newton was born to a seafaring captain and a mother who dedicated herself to a Christian upbringing of her only son.

JOHN: Tell me, Mother. Tell me about grace.

NARRATOR: She told him: Grace, my son, is a gift. It is not earned. It is not deserved. But it will always find you—if only you let it.

JOHN: Thank you, Mother.

NARRATOR: But grace was not the only early lesson John Newton would learn. Grief soon followed. His mother, his gentle guide, died before he was seven.

JOHN: I love you, Mother. I believe we will live again together even thousands of years into the future.

NARRATOR: John showed an uncanny ability to read, think, and recall facts from the earliest of years. The spiritual foundations to which he was exposed by his mother, along with his critical-thinking abilities, influenced his hymn lyrics years later, as he was able to grasp and articulate the truths of his faith at a profound level.

JOHN: Perhaps no hymn better reflects that than “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken,” where I wrote about the eternal nature of a believer’s faith in a loving and powerful God.

(Music for “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” begins)

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

11

Words by JOHN NEWTON, 1779

Arranged by LLOYD LARSON

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN

by FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN, 1797



Regally (♩ = ca. 84)

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11 SA *f*
Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken,
TB *f*

13
Zi - on, cit - y of our God!

15
He, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for His

18 *mf* *mel.*
own a - bode. On the Rock of

20 *mel.*
A - ges found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose?

23 *f*
With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at

26

all your — foes.

29

31 *mp*

See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters,

mp

33

spring - ing from e - ter - nal — love, well sup - ply your

mp

They well sup - ply your

36

sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move. —

sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move.

39

Who can faint, — while such a riv - er ev - er will their

mel.

42

mf *mel.*

A - maz-ing grace, which like the Lord, the giv - er,

thirst — as - suage? Grace, which like the Lord, the giv - er,

mf

mf

45

poco rit. *a tempo*

nev - er — fails — from — age to — age.

nev - er fails from — age to — age.

poco rit. *a tempo*

48

rit.

5 *32*

rit. *cresc. poco a poco*

Broadly (♩ = ca. 80)

51

f

Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a

f

Broadly (♩ = ca. 80)

f

54

mem - ber— am, let the world de - ride or pit - y,

57

mf

I will glo - ry in Your name. Fad - ing are the

mf

Fad - ing are the

mf

world's best plea - sures, all their — boast - ed

world's best plea - sures,

pomp and show;

f

ff

sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures none but — Zi - on's

ff

67

chil - dren know. _____

know. Glo-rious things of thee are spo - ken,

70

f *molto rit.*

Zi - on, ho - ly cit - y of our

f *molto rit.*

72

ff God!

ff

ff

The musical score is for a voice and piano piece. It begins at measure 67 with a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a long note on 'know.' that spans into measure 70. The piano accompaniment features a triplet of eighth notes in measure 70. The score includes dynamic markings such as *f* (forte) and *ff* (fortissimo), and a tempo marking *molto rit.* (molto ritardando). A large red watermark is overlaid on the score, reading 'PREVIEW ONLY! LEGAL USE REQUIRES PURCHASE'.

NARRATION 3

NARRATOR: John's life changed dramatically after the death of his mother. His father quickly remarried, had additional children with his new wife, and young John was left to navigate life on his own much of the time.

JOHN: (*defiantly*) I want more than your life, Father. The sea may be yours, but it will never be mine.

NARRATOR: But the sea had already claimed John. At eleven, he was aboard his first ship. And soon, its wildness matched his own. He kept bad company, ran wild in the streets, and was often heard swearing or blaspheming. But, as if to balance these tendencies, he would often bury himself in religious books, hearkening back to the faith teachings of his mother.

JOHN: There were many times in my life when I sensed God's hand of protection, such as when I was a teenager, and some of my rowdy buddies boarded a small dinghy before I could join them. I was late getting there because I had been at church, and the sermon ran long that Sunday.

Those boys were yelling and raising a ruckus as they boarded that little craft. They were so angry that I missed the boat. But then, something terrible happened. As I watched them get farther out to sea, the boat suddenly capsized from a powerful wave! Every one of them drowned.

(Music for "Sheltered In God's Hand" begins)

NARRATOR: John realized God's providence prevented him from boarding the dinghy that day. In that moment, and many others to follow over the course of his life, he gained a sense that God's protective hand was guiding and sheltering him for a greater purpose.

SHELTERED IN GOD'S HANDS

21

Words by LLOYD LARSON and
JOSEPH H. GILMORE, 1862

Music by LLOYD LARSON
Incorporating HE LEADETH ME
by WILLIAM BRADBURY, 1864

 Resolutely (♩ = ca. 80)

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in 6/33 time, marked 'Resolutely' with a tempo of approximately 80 beats per minute. The piano part features a melody in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The voice part enters at measure 3, singing the lyrics 'I'm shel-tered in God's hands, guid-ed by His'. The score includes dynamic markings such as 'p' (piano) and 'mp' (mezzo-piano). A large red watermark 'PREVIEW ONLY' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

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per - fect ho - ly plan; the hands that made the

blind to see, the hands that set the

cap - tive free. I'm pro - tect - ed by His

hands, Oo. That healed the
TB hands, His hands, the hands that healed the

19 *mf* *mp*

lame at His com - mand. I'm

lame at His com - mand. And as I run life's

21

an - chored in grace.

race I'm an - chored in God's grace, I'm shel - tered in His

23 *mp*

Lord, I sur - ren - der

hands.

26

all I am and hope to be; I

29

long to serve and fol - low You where - e'er You

32

lead.

mp

Lord, take my life and guide me as I

35 *mp*

Though tri - als come,

seek Your way. Though tri - als come, I'll

38 *mel.*

I'll serve You as I walk each

serve You as I walk each

40 *mf* hands,

day. I'm shel-tered in God's hands, shel-tered in God's

day.

mf

42

hands, guid - ed by His per - fect ho - ly

44

plan; the hands that made the blind to see,

46

the hands that set the cap - tive free. I'm pro-TECT-ed by His

49 hands, _____

hands, I'm in His hands, the hands that healed the

51 *f* _____ *mf*

lame at His com - mand. And as I run life's

f _____ *mf*

53

race I'm an-chored in God's grace; I'm shel-tered in His hands. _____

56

He lead - eth me, He lead - eth me, by

59

His own hand He lead - eth me! His faith - ful fol - l'wer

62

I would be, for by His hand He lead, He lead - eth

lead - eth

65 *f* me. *rit.*

me. I'm shel-tered in God's

f *rit.*

3

67 *a tempo*

hands, guid-ed by His per-fect ho-ly

a tempo

3

70

plan, the hands that made the blind to see,

3

72

the hands that set the cap - tive free.

74

hands,
I'm pro - tect - ed by His hands, I'm in His

76

hands, the hands that healed the lame at His com -

ff

ff

poco rit.

78 *mf*

mand. And as I run life's race I'm an-chored in God's

mf

poco rit.

mp

81 *rit.* *mp* **Slowly, freely**

grace; I'm shel-tered in His hands,

mp

Slowly, freely

rit. *mp*

84 *molto rit.* *p*

shel-tered in God's hands.

p

p molto rit.

NARRATION 4

NARRATOR: As John continued to mature, he often found himself at odds with his father. Despite a strained relationship with him, John became enamored with the worldly and often wicked lifestyles of the crew aboard his father's ship. Then, at age nineteen, John was drafted to serve on a British military ship. But because of his bad attitude, he was soon traded to serve on another ship, and then another. It was during this time that John was introduced to the financially lucrative possibilities of slave trading. He became a "slaver," a man who blindly profited from suffering.

JOHN: It was aboard the ship *Pegasus* where I first saw the western coast of Africa. For the next two years, I was involved in capturing West African natives to be sold as slaves to markets around the world.

NARRATOR: But because of John's wild, rebellious, and angry nature, things didn't go well with him and the captain and crew.

JOHN: You call me rude, Captain! You make false charges! You say the calamities of this ship are my fault?

NARRATOR: (*angrily*) Yes, John Newton, you are like Jonah! And you are guilty of desertion. You will be flogged in front of your crew!

JOHN: Never! With God as my witness, I will take this ship down with me!

(*Music for "They Called Him Jonah" begins*)

NARRATOR: In moments such as these, one wonders if John could have somehow heard the voice of his deceased mother beckoning to him about the mercy of a loving God. But the pull of his dark side and his brutal and untamed spirit were far beyond her past influence. His fate seemed to be sealed.

JOHN: (*scornfully*) You call me Jonah, Captain! I'll show you who's the captain of his fate!

THEY CALLED HIM JONAH

33

Words by LLOYD LARSON

Music by LLOYD LARSON
Incorporating NEW BRITAIN
from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831,
adapt. EDWIN O. EXCELL, 1900



Slowly, freely (♩ = ca. 72)

Piano accompaniment for measures 1-3. The music is in 3/4 time, key of D major (two sharps). The piano part begins with a half note D in the bass and a half note D in the treble, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The melody is simple and slow.

Piano accompaniment for measures 4-6. The music continues with a similar pattern of eighth and quarter notes. A marking "holding back" is placed above the staff in measure 5.



Jauntily (♩ = ca. 88)

Piano accompaniment for measures 7-9. The tempo and mood change to "Jauntily" with a tempo marking of ca. 88. The music is in 4/4 time. The piano part features a more active bass line with eighth and quarter notes. The melody is more lively.

Vocal parts for Soprano (SA) and Tenor Bass (TB) for measures 10-11. The vocal parts enter in measure 10 with the lyrics "Jo - nah, they called him". The piano accompaniment continues with a similar pattern of eighth and quarter notes.

Piano accompaniment for measures 12-13. The music continues with a similar pattern of eighth and quarter notes. The piano part features a more active bass line with eighth and quarter notes. The melody is more lively.

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12

Jo - nah. He was re - bel - lious, wild, and free; he

14

did just as he pleased. He was Jo - nah; they called him

16

Jo - nah. He lived a life of friv - ol - i -

18

ty; he was a child on the great high

20

seas. They called him
Jo - nah, they called him

mel.

23

Jo - nah. He was crude; His
Jo - nah. He was ob - sti - nate and crude; his

25

mates all thought him lewd. They called him

mates all thought him lewd. He was Jo - nah; they called him

27

Jo - nah. And he was

Jo - nah. He was brash, and he was

29

rude; he had an at - ti -

rude; he lived his life with an at - ti -

11/38

31

tude.

tude.



33

mp

Priv - i - leged and gift - ed by the God who gave him

mp



36

breath;

mp

a prod - i - gal who strayed with no re -



39 *mf* *poco rit.*

spect for life or death.

42 *a tempo*

Jo - nah, they called him Jo - nah. He was re -

Jo - nah, they called him Jo - nah. He was re -

44 *a tempo*

bel - lious, wild, and free; he did just as he pleased. He was

bel - lious, wild, and free; he did just as he pleased. He was

46

Jo - nah; they called him Jo - nah. He lived a

Jo - nah; they called him Jo - nah. He lived a

48

life of friv - ol - i - ty; he was a

life of friv - ol - i - ty;

50

child on the great high seas.

53

mp

Still, the Lord pur - sued this lost and way - ward

mp

56

mp

God called his name, "You are my
son; God called him by his name, "You are my

59

rit.

cho - sen one!"

cho - sen one!"

rit.

Slower, reverently (♩ = ca. 80)

62 mel. *p*

All of us have fall - en 'neath the weight of

Slower, reverently (♩ = ca. 80)

p opt. unaccomp.

65

cresc. e accel. poco a poco

sin, but the God of grace still calls us home a -

cresc. poco a poco

play *cresc. e accel. poco a poco*

68

mf

gain! *mf*

mf

42

Tempo I (♩ = ca. 88)

70

f

mel.

Jo - nah, they called him Jo - nah. He was re -

mel. f

Jo - nah, they called him Jo - nah. He was re -

Tempo I (♩ = ca. 88)

f

72

bel - lious, wild, and free; he did just as he pleased.

mel.

bel - lious, wild, and free; he did just as he pleased. He was

74

mel.

Jo - nah; they called him Jo - nah. He lived a

Jo - nah; they called him Jo - nah.

76 *poco rit.* *mp*

life of friv-ol - i - ty; he was a

mp

poco rit. *mf*

79 *a tempo*

child on the great high seas.

mp *a tempo*

82 *rit. poco a poco*

rit. poco a poco *p*

NARRATION 5

NARRATOR: Despite John's very turbulent life on the sea, there was a ray of hope that tugged on his heart. And that hope was a girl whom he had met in childhood, Mary Polly Catlett. But after his mother's death, John and Polly were separated. As life unfolded, John never forgot Polly, and Polly never forgot John.

JOHN: By now, I had lost my faith and become deaf to God's mercy. But my affection for Polly was always the same, and despite the misery and wickedness I experienced, she was always on my mind.

NARRATOR: Duty called, and it was the top of the tide once again for John. A new sea captain approached John to set sail west on a ship named *Greyhound*. Greater wealth was promised through more slave trading. So John signed on and was soon shoving off on what became the voyage of his life, with hopes of a new day.

(Music for "Lord, Have Mercy on Me" begins)

NARRATOR: *(beginning at m. 18)* But it didn't take long for John's mood to turn dark once again. The captain was troubled by John's excessive drinking, bad influence on the crew, and constant profanity.

JOHN: Anyone who calls himself a Christian has my immediate hatred!

NARRATOR: Suddenly, one of the crew yelled "Storm!" And soon, John and his mates were desperately trying to make repairs, dumping water that was pouring in, and trying to keep the ship afloat as the violent storm prevailed. As the storm climaxed, the sailors frantically gave last-ditch efforts to survive what seemed to be their imminent death.

JOHN: We must keep the broken section of the bow high out of the water!

NARRATOR: Then, words came out of John's mouth that surprised even him:

JOHN: If this will not help us stay afloat, may the Lord have mercy on us!

NARRATOR: John stumbled across the deck and wondered: might part of him still believe in a God of true grace?

LORD, HAVE MERCY ON ME

45

Words by JOHN NEWTON, 1779,
and LLOYD LARSON

Music by LLOYD LARSON
Quoting BLOW THE MAN DOWN
Traditional Sea Shanty

13/40

Humorously (♩ = ca. 66)

The musical score is written for piano in 6/8 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system begins with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. There are triplet markings (3) in measures 3, 7, and 10. A large red watermark reading 'PREVIEW ONLY' and 'LEGAL USE REQUIRES PURCHASE' is overlaid diagonally across the entire score. The score concludes with a 'rit.' (ritardando) marking and a final cadence in measure 15.

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46

18 Ominously (♩ = ca. 72)

p

8vb

6

21

mp

mf

(8vb)

6

23

loco

25

ff

mf

27

molto rit.

mp

8vb

30

p

14/41

(8vb)

Ethereally (♩ = ca. 69)

34 SA *pp*

*Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

TB *pp*

Ethereally (♩ = ca. 69)

pp

loco

38

p

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

p

p

42

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

46

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

49

mf rit. *mp*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

52 Tenderly (♩ = ca. 48)

Tenderly (♩ = ca. 48)

15/42

55

p

How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in

58

a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes all sor - rows,

61

heals all wounds, and drives a - way all fear.

mel. mp

It

64

makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and calms the trou-bled

mp

67

mp

Sat - is - fies the hun - gry soul and

breast; it sat - is - fies the hun - gry soul and

70

mel.

gives the wea - ry rest. Dear

gives the wea - ry rest.

73

name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing

76

place; my nev - er - fail - ing trea - sure, filled with

79

bound - less stores of grace! *mf* Christ, my Shep - herd,

mel. mf O Christ, my Shep - herd,

82

Broth - er, Friend, Proph - et, Priest, and King._____

Broth - er, Friend, my Proph - et, Priest, and King,_____ my

85

O my Life, my Way, my End, hear the prayer I

Lord, my Life— my Way, my End, O hear the prayer I

88

bring._____ Lord, have mer - cy on me._____ Re -

bring._____

91

new my spir - it and set me free. Calm the winds; cause the

94

storm to cease; still my soul with Your per - fect peace.

mf

97

me. Lord, have mer - cy on me, on me. Lord, have mer - cy on

mf

100

rit.

me.

mp

rit.

Slightly broader (♩ = ca. 46)

104

f

Lord, have mer - cy on me. Re - new my spir - it and

Slightly broader (♩ = ca. 46)

f

107

set me free. Calm the winds; cause the storm to cease;

110 *mf*

still my soul with Your per - fect peace. Lord, have mer - cy on

113 *mf* *rit.*

me. me, on me. Lord, have mer - cy on

116 *mp* *molto rit.*

me.

Slowly, freely *mp*

Slowly, freely *p*

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NARRATION 6

NARRATOR: The storm-ravaged *Greyhound* eventually made it into port, and John was able to navigate his way home. The successful return of the ship was due in large part to John's long hours at the helm, steering the damaged vessel through the worst of the storm with skill and courage.

JOHN: But most importantly, I had experienced an awakening, the first step back to my faith in a loving and merciful God.

NARRATOR: But change didn't come quickly for this prodigal Jonah. John's lack of misgivings about the slave trade merely showed that he was a young man of his time, and that he accepted the prevailing standards and attitudes of mid-18th century England. It was a perspective in which the interests of commerce drowned the voices of humanity and good conscience.

JOHN: Due to the storm, a spark had reignited my faith. I started attending church while in port and reading the Bible. And yes...I started praying again.

NARRATOR: His weeks and months at sea were now used to read extensively, pray, study, grow in his faith, and write letters to Polly Catlett.

JOHN: Dear Polly, I love you and miss you. And as I wrote in my last letter, almost every day when we're ashore, I retreat into the woods and fields... to taste the sweets of communion with God through prayer and praise. Yet, I frequently spend the evenings in corrupt and worthless company. Still, I feel a growing relationship with God.

NARRATOR: Back in port for several months, John continued to work on his spiritual growth with reading, prayer, and listening to many ministers. His prayer life was steadily growing and becoming central to his life. And his love for Polly resulted in their marriage.

JOHN: I then became the captain of a ship and required the crew to attend Sunday services where I spoke. Yes, I became a preacher of the Gospel! But I found the language of *The Book of Common Prayer* was sometimes too much for average people to easily understand. So I adapted the order of worship and began writing my own prayers. This helped me realize I was most happy, it seemed, when I was attempting the part of minister.

NARRATOR: In preparing for his fourth slave ship assignment as captain on a brand-new boat, John was struck unexpectedly with an illness, paralyzed by a mysterious seizure. In retrospect, John saw his medical crisis as an answer to prayer. During his last few weeks on shore he had been wrestling with his role in the slave trade. Financially it was an attractive business, but he was deeply troubled by growing doubts over the inhumane and unconscionable aspects of his duties. God's providential hand was once again at work in the life of John Newton.

JOHN: At the age of 39, I realized I could no longer resist the call I was feeling deep in my heart to preach the Gospel. I closed all my deliberations on this subject with a solemn, unreserved, and unconditional surrender of myself to the Lord. God's grace was the new rebellion in my heart.

(Music for "In Answer to the Call!" begins)

IN ANSWER TO THE CALL!

57

Words by LLOYD LARSON
based on Isaiah 6:8 and Micah 6:8,
and FRANCES R. HAVERGAL, 1874

Music by LLOYD LARSON
Quoting: NEW BRITAIN
from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831;
adapt. EDWIN O. EXCELL, 1900

17/44

Slowly, freely (♩ = ca. 76)

First system of piano accompaniment, measures 1-4. Treble and bass staves. Dynamics: *p*.

18/45

Stately (♩ = ca. 80)

Second system of piano accompaniment, measures 5-8. Treble and bass staves. Dynamics: *molto rit.*, *mf*.

Third system of piano accompaniment, measures 9-10. Treble and bass staves.

Fourth system, vocal entries. Treble staff: SA, *mf*. Bass staff: TB, *mf*. Lyrics: "Who will go?" says the Lord. Who will

Fifth system of piano accompaniment, measures 11-14. Treble and bass staves.

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14

give their best, their all? "Who will go?" says the

17

Lord. Who will an - swer heav - en's call? "Will you

20

go?" says the Lord. Will you give your best, your

"Will you go?" Your best, your

23

all? "Will you go?" says the Lord. Will you

all? "Will you go?" Will you

19/46

26

an - swer heav - en's call?

an - swer heav - en's call?

29

mp

What does the Lord re - quire of me?

mp

32

What is re - quired of those who

35

mel. mp ————— *mf*

To do jus - tice, love

serve Him faith - ful - ly? To love

38

mf

mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God.

mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God.

41

That is what the Lord re-quires of me, of

44

me. "Will you go?" says the Lord. Will you

47

give your best, your all? "Will you go?" says the

MEASURES 41-47

MEASURE 41: Vocal melody starts on G4, moving stepwise to D5. Piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

MEASURE 42: Vocal melody continues to E5. Piano accompaniment continues the eighth-note pattern.

MEASURE 43: Vocal melody moves to C5. Piano accompaniment continues the eighth-note pattern.

MEASURE 44: Vocal melody moves to B4. Piano accompaniment continues the eighth-note pattern.

MEASURE 45: Vocal melody moves to A4. Piano accompaniment features a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.

MEASURE 46: Vocal melody moves to G4. Piano accompaniment continues the eighth-note pattern.

MEASURE 47: Vocal melody moves to F4. Piano accompaniment continues the eighth-note pattern.

50 *mf*

Lord. Will you an-swer heav - en's call? Take my

54

life and let it ev - er

mf

56

be con - se -

mp *mf*

Let me be con - se -

58

crat - ed, O Lord, to

crat - ed,

60

Thee; take my hands and

63

let them move at the im - pulse of Thy

66 *f*

love; let me show Thy love.

f

20 47

69 *rit.* ST AB *mel.*

"I will

"I will

rit.

72 *Slightly broader* (♩ = ca. 76) *ff*

go, here am I! I'll give my

go, here am I! I will give my best, my

Slightly broader (♩ = ca. 76) *ff*

75

all! _____ Hear my cry! I will

all! I will go, hear my cry! I will

78

SA *mel.* an - swer heav - en's call." Hear my

TB an - swer heav - en's call."

81

molto rit. cry in an - swer to the call! *fff*

molto rit. *fff*

NARRATION 7

NARRATOR: John was now a preacher in search of a parish. But without any formal theological education as required by the Church of England, he faced the daunting challenge of being ordained and granted a parish where he could live out his calling.

JOHN: At last, the door of opportunity opened, and I began my ministry in the little village of Olney, near Cambridge.

NARRATOR: John was seen by the people of Olney as a unifier, quickly gaining admiration as he united people with differing views of the church and their faith. He was innovative, attentive, and diligent in his pastoral work. His preaching was so popular that the congregation added a gallery to the church to accommodate the many people who flocked to hear him. He tripled the size of the Sunday worshiping congregation, introduced Bible teaching classes for children and adults, and carried a busy pastoral visitation schedule.

JOHN: In addition to my preaching, I introduced simple heartfelt hymns rather than the usual Psalms sung in our services. When enough new hymns couldn't be found, I began to write my own. My close friend, the great English poet William Cowper, often assisted me in writing these hymns.

NARRATOR: On January 1, 1773, John preached from I Chronicles the words from King David offered to God as gratitude for His divine blessing upon his life: "Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my family, that You have brought me this far? You have looked on me as though I were the most exalted of all people!" It was in this sermon on that day when John first publicly shared the words of a new hymn he had just written.

JOHN: "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."

NARRATOR: The change in John's life had been dramatic because of the grace of God. It had not been an overnight change, but it had been real and transforming! And the guilt that still resided in his heart regarding his role in the slave-trading industry was now leading him into challenging others also to a life of transformation. And then, a young man named William Wilberforce joined John's congregation, and John and William became fast friends. Their friendship would lead them forward into a wholehearted mission to free all slaves.

(Music for "From Blind to Free" begins)

JOHN: We must and will abolish the British slave trade industry! God created us to be free!

FROM BLIND TO FREE

67

Dramatically, slowly (♩ = ca. 66)

Words and Music by
LLOYD LARSON

21
48

First system of music, measures 1-4. Treble and bass staves with piano accompaniment. Dynamics include *p* (piano).

Second system of music, measures 5-6. Treble staff includes a vocal solo line starting at measure 5. Lyrics: "Light of the world, the liv - ing bread of heav - en,". Dynamics include *Solo p* (piano solo).

Third system of music, measures 7-9. Treble staff includes a vocal line. Lyrics: "Christ came to set us free. Hope of the world, the".

Fourth system of music, measures 10-12. Treble staff includes a vocal line. Lyrics: "fount of liv - ing wa - ter, He came for you and". Dynamics include *rit.* (ritardando).

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Slightly faster, steadily (♩ = ca. 72)

12 *mp*
me. _____

Slightly faster, steadily (♩ = ca. 72)

mp

22/49

14

16 Solo *mp*
Light of the world, the liv - ing bread of heav - en,

SA *mp*
Oo. *mp*
TB

mp

18

Christ came to set us free.

To set us free.

Instrumental accompaniment for measures 18-19.

20

Hope of the world, the fount of liv - ing wa - ter,

Oo.

Instrumental accompaniment for measures 20-21.

22

He came for you and me.

— Came for you and me.

24

I once was lost, but now am found, was

Oo

26

blind, but now I see.

Ah But now I

3

28

mf Christ is my rock, my sure foun - da - tion.

mf see. He's my rock, my sure foun - da - tion.

mf

30 *f*

He is my help in time of need.

f

He is my help in time of need.

f

32

Light of the world, the liv - ing bread of heav - en,

Light of the world, the bread of heav - en.

34

Christ came to set us free.

Ah The

This block contains the musical notation for measures 34 and 35. It features a vocal line, a piano accompaniment, and a basso continuo line. The vocal line has lyrics 'Christ came to set us free.' and 'Ah The'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. The basso continuo line provides a harmonic foundation with chords and a melodic line. A large red watermark 'PREVIEW ONLY' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

36

Hope of the world, the fount of liv - ing wa - ter,

hope of the world, the liv - ing wa - ter, —

This block contains the musical notation for measures 36 and 37. It features a vocal line, a piano accompaniment, and a basso continuo line. The vocal line has lyrics 'Hope of the world, the fount of liv - ing wa - ter,' and 'hope of the world, the liv - ing wa - ter, —'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. The basso continuo line provides a harmonic foundation with chords and a melodic line. A large red watermark 'PREVIEW ONLY' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

38

He came for you and me.

— came for you and — me.

40

mf For - ev - er - more I'll sing the praise of

mf Ah

mf

42

Measures 42-43 of a musical score in B-flat major. The vocal line (treble clef) has lyrics: "Him who died for me." and "Christ died for me. I am no". The piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs) features chords and moving lines. A large red watermark "PREVIEW ONLY" is overlaid diagonally across the page.

44

Measures 44-45 of a musical score in B-flat major. The vocal line (treble clef) has lyrics: "No more a slave, no more a cap - tive,". The piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs) features chords and moving lines. A large red watermark "PREVIEW ONLY" is overlaid diagonally across the page.

46

ff *rit.*

His lov - ing grace has ran - somed me!

ff *rit.*

His lov - ing grace has ran - somed me!

ff *rit.*

3 3

23
50

48

Slightly broader (♩ = ca. 69)

Light of the world, the

Slightly broader (♩ = ca. 69)

Light of the world, the

Slightly broader (♩ = ca. 69)

50

liv - ing bread of heav - en, Christ came to set us
bread of heav - en. Ah

This block contains the musical notation for measures 50 and 51. It features three staves: a vocal melody in the top staff, a vocal accompaniment in the middle staff, and a piano accompaniment in the bottom staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'liv - ing bread of heav - en, Christ came to set us' for measure 50, and 'bread of heav - en. Ah' for measure 51. A large red watermark 'PREVIEW ONLY' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

52

free. Hope of the world, the
The hope of the world, the

This block contains the musical notation for measures 52 and 53. It features three staves: a vocal melody in the top staff, a vocal accompaniment in the middle staff, and a piano accompaniment in the bottom staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'free. Hope of the world, the' for measure 52, and 'The hope of the world, the' for measure 53. A large red watermark 'PREVIEW ONLY' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

54

fount of liv - ing wa - ter, He came for you and

liv - ing wa - ter, came for you and

56

me. I once was

me. I once was

58

blind, but now I'm free!_____

blind, but now I'm free!_____

but now I'm free, but now I'm

60

molto rit. ***fff***

— Christ has set me free!_____

molto rit. ***fff***

— Christ has set me free!_____

fff

free!_____

molto rit. ***fff***

NARRATION 8

JOHN: My name is John Newton. And now you know my story.

NARRATOR: God's grace is real and universal, and can always overcome the deepest valleys and darkest hatred. (*Music for "Amazing Grace" begins*) Our world has never been more in need of God's grace.

JOHN: From the heart of a repentant and grateful sinner came a hymn that has resonated for centuries. To God be the glory!

NARRATOR: Since John Newton penned the words to this immortal hymn, it has become universally known and loved around the world. Sung by church congregations large and small, celebrities, political figures, or a worried mother who is nursing a sick child, it assures us that no matter the depth of our fears, mistakes, or regrets, God's redemption is real. Its truth has sounded from small African tribes to the stage of Carnegie Hall. Here's hope...here's God's amazing grace.

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AMAZING GRACE!

81

Words by **JOHN NEWTON**, 1779;
st. 4 Anonymous

Arranged with New Music
by **LLOYD LARSON**

Tune: **NEW BRITAIN**

from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831;
adapt. **EDWIN O. EXCELL**, 1900



Tenderly (♩ = ca. 84)

TB

Sheet music for **Amazing Grace!** in G major, 3/4 time. The score includes parts for Tenor Bass (TB), Soprano Alto (SA), and Piano (P).

The music is marked **Tenderly** (♩ = ca. 84). Dynamics include *p* (piano), *mp* (mezzo-piano), and *Mm* (mezzo-moderato).

The score is divided into systems. The first system (measures 1-5) features the TB and Piano. The second system (measures 6-10) continues the TB and Piano. The third system (measures 11-15) introduces the SA and TB. The fourth system (measures 16-20) continues the SA and TB. The fifth system (measures 21-25) continues the SA and TB. The sixth system (measures 26-30) continues the SA and TB. The seventh system (measures 31-35) continues the SA and TB. The eighth system (measures 36-40) continues the SA and TB. The ninth system (measures 41-45) continues the SA and TB. The tenth system (measures 46-50) continues the SA and TB. The eleventh system (measures 51-55) continues the SA and TB. The twelfth system (measures 56-60) continues the SA and TB. The thirteenth system (measures 61-65) continues the SA and TB. The fourteenth system (measures 66-70) continues the SA and TB. The fifteenth system (measures 71-75) continues the SA and TB. The sixteenth system (measures 76-80) continues the SA and TB. The seventeenth system (measures 81-85) continues the SA and TB. The eighteenth system (measures 86-90) continues the SA and TB. The nineteenth system (measures 91-95) continues the SA and TB. The twentieth system (measures 96-100) continues the SA and TB.

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15

Mm

Mm

19

p

p

p

23

$\frac{25}{52}$

+ opt. Congregation/
Audience *mp*

A
mp

This musical score is for a piano and voice piece. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system (measures 15-18) features a vocal melody in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef, both marked with a mezzo-moderato (Mm) tempo. The second system (measures 19-22) continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment, with the piano part marked piano (p). The third system (measures 23-26) includes a vocal entry marked mezzo-piano (mp) and a piano accompaniment. A rehearsal mark is present at measure 25, indicated by a box containing the numbers 25 and 52. A large red watermark reading 'PREVIEW ONLY' is overlaid diagonally across the entire page.

27 Slightly faster (♩ = ca. 88)

maz - ing — grace! How sweet the sound that

Slightly faster (♩ = ca. 88)

mp

31 saved a — wretch like me! — I

35 *mf* once — was — lost, but now — am — found, was

mf

39 Solo *mf*

SA *mp*

blind, but— now I see. ———

TB *mp*

'Twas
— opt. Congregation/
Audience

43

grace that— taught my heart to— fear, and—

mp *mf*

Oo Ah—

mp *mf*

mf

47

grace my fears re - lieved; how

— My fears re - lieved, fears re - lieved. Ah

51

f pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the—

f Did that grace ap - pear. Ah—

f

55

mf

hour I first be - lieved.

mf

Oo

mf

26
53

59

SA *rit.* *mp* Slower, expressively (♩ = ca. 84)

Through man - y dan - gers,

TB *mp*

Slower, expressively (♩ = ca. 84)

rit. *mp*

63

toils, and snares I have al - read - y

67

come; 'tis grace has brought me

71

safe thus far, and grace will lead me —
grace will lead me,

75 home. _____

lead me home. A - maz - ing grace will lead me

79 *mf* home! _____

mf _____

mf *cresc. poco a poco*

82 _____

27/54

85 Solo *rit.*

Broadly (♩ = ca. 80)

f

+ opt. Congregation/
Audience

When

we've

been—

Broadly (♩ = ca. 80)

When

we've

been—

TB

Broadly (♩ = ca. 80)

rit.

f

88

there ten thou - sand years, bright

there ten thou - sand years, bright

3

91

shin - ing — as the sun, _____ we've

shin - ing — as the sun, as the sun, we've —

95 *ff*

no — less — days to sing God's praise

ff

no — less — days to sing — God's — praise — than

ff

3

99

f

than when we'd first be - gun.

f

when we'd first be - gun.

f

102

ff

— I once was lost but now am found; I once was
— opt. Congregation/
Audience

ff

I once was lost but now am found; I once was

ff

105

blind, but now I see. God's love has res-cued me, _____

blind, but now I see. God's love has res-cued me, _____

108

_____ His grace has set me free, _____ a - maz-ing

_____ His grace has set me free, _____ a - maz-ing

111

ff *rit.* *a tempo* *fff*

grace! A - maz - ing grace!

ff *rit.* *a tempo* *fff*

grace! A - maz - ing grace!

ff *rit.* *fff a tempo*

114

molto rit.

molto rit.

molto rit.