

AMAZING GRACE 'N' TEARS --- ALBUM GIFT for personal use

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Section 1. Overview

The HISTORY of this album gift-- & a hint of the reason for it-- is at the end of this file in Section 3. The formatted SONG HISTORY with scripture & music files links is on my Song Stories blog for 28 March 2013:

<http://dianadeesongstories.blogspot.com/2013/03/amazing-grace-open-my-eyes-by-dianadee.html>

The PURPOSE of this album gift-- & a hint of the reason for it-- is to bring you joy and peace as you read Section 2's song intros about God's LULLABY type love, calling out to you... the excitement with amazement...

The LOCATION of this album gift's individual songs-- including free to download music and lyrics sheets-- is on my website's tab 2008-2012: <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2008-2012.php>

To download songs anywhere on this website:

1. Click the green arrow PLAY button (or the square orange button for draft accompaniment tracks).
2. While the song is playing (black screen with play bar), right-click on the bar.
3. Save the file to your computer with the song title and copyright info:
e.g. UNCHANGING GRACE by DianaDee Osborne

Section 2. Purpose: Overview of GOD's Word in Songs

AMAZING GRACE 'N' TEARS --- VERBAL INTROS within each album song © 2009 DianaDee Osborne, but only with God's Ephesians 3:20-21 empowering

1 Amazing Grace Blues (E minor; song © 2007, written 2006)

Of all the miracles in the Bible, the greatest is this –

That Almighty God actually LOVES each of us no matter what we have done.

That God dearly loves YOU.

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2 Amazing Grace 'n' Tears (E minor; song © 2008)

Of all the wonders in the Bible, the greatest is this –
God loves you so much that He weeps when you hurt.
Including when you hurt yourself by rejecting God.
Through Matthew 23:37 God sends this message to those who cannot believe and accept His love and His tears for us ----
'How often I wanted to gather you children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings – but you were not willing.'

3 I Choose Your Choice (A major; song © 2007)

Of all the choices in the Bible, the scariest is this:
God loves you too much to FORCE you to even believe in Him.
He will NEVER force your choice.

4 Above My Sorrow Sea (E minor; song © 2008)

Of all the comfort in the Bible, the greatest are words like these words of God from Psalm 124 and 147. When life seems about to overwhelm you, God wants to lift you up and heal your broken heart --- if you will let Him.

5 Lord's My Shepherd (A minor; song © 2008)

Of all the pictures in the Bible, one of the most comforting is this one – that God offers to protect and comfort you as a shepherd --- not just in some pretty meadow, but also in the storms of your life.

6 I Praise You Despite (E minor; song © 2008)

Of all the mysteries in the Bible, one of the strangest is this one that has proven true over and over again – that when we praise God DESPITE terrible troubles and fears, those troubles and fears stop seeming so bad. TRUSTING God despite trouble brings a TRUE hope and peace.

7 No Church Should Hurt (G minor; song © 2009)

People have been hurting each other in churches and synagogues for 1,000s of years. But this song is NOT about US. It is about how we hurt our GOD, sometimes *even using His name*. **The final sentence of this song holds an important key: We must fervently pray for God's HELP so that Church will NOT hurt anyone – especially including our God Himself.** [1 Timothy 6:4]

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8 Nothing And Everything (E minor; song © 2008)

Of all the warnings in the Bible, one that we really do *not* like is this one – “Do not be proud.” One warning is Jesus speaking in John 15:5, is great promise, too -- “I am the vine...**without Me you can do nothing**. But along with the warning came a wonderful promise in 14:12: “....**he who believes in Me**, the works that I do he will do also; and ***greater....***”

9 Squeaky Wheel Praising (E minor; song © 2008)

The Bible is full of god’s promises to us. Within this song are common lies we hear from people or in our head --- and where to find God’s promises to HELP us as we trust and praise Him.

10 Amazing Grace, Open My Eyes (E minor; song © 2008)

Of all the prayers in the Bible, one that God has repeatedly shown that He honors is this: When we ask our God for wisdom and guidance, He does NOT hide truth from us. James 1:5 is just ONE place where God promises, “If anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask of God who gives generously.”

11 Lullaby of God (E minor; song © 2008)

Of all the words in the Bible, some of those that are the hardest to believe are this: God loves you. As a parent rocking a crying child within gentle arms, so also God seeks to hold you in His sheltering arms and sing His lullaby words of comfort to you. If you’ll let Him.

12 Unchanging Grace (G) (G major; song © 2008)

God promises you hope, peace, provision for your needs, a purpose for your life, and – most of all – that you WILL find Him when you truly seek Him. May the words of this song, -- of this entire music adventure, -- guide you to some of the many promises of our great God who NEVER changes --- and whose love for YOU is never-changing. No matter what.

Section 3. HISTORY of GOD's Word in Songs thru DiDoReflections

AMAZING GRACE 'N' TEARS album songs were the first songs I wrote; the full history is with the song THIRD OF DESPAIR AND HOPE. First song was written on the 3rd day after Despair: 10 March 2008. In under 15 minutes. As with every other song that's © DianaDee Osborne -- and there are almost 400 of them on this website: written ONLY by God's Ephesians 3:20-21 empowering.

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A. EXPLANATION OF THE MINISTRY TITLE is at this blog link:

<http://dianadeesongstories.blogspot.com/2013/01/third-of-despair-and-hope-by-dianadee.html>

There you'll find the true story of how GOD started "my" music ministry, DiDoReflections.com -

- **DIE** TO SELF
- **DO** FOR CHRIST
- **REFLECT** GOD - *All with the **HOLY SPIRIT's** WISDOM & POWER.*

B. HISTORY OF THIS ALBUM and the entire DiDoReflections music ministry:

When I first called the Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI) office in the summer of 2008 to get information on how to share songs with other worship leaders, I commented to the very helpful representative, Giselle, that I had a Blues arrangement of Amazing Grace, and another song based on the original words by John Newton (Amazing Grace 'n' Tears).

Giselle laughed and replied, "*There can never be too many songs about God's amazing grace.*" Several months later as I was completing the songlist for the album AMAZING GRACE "N TEARS, I decided to pray to God that I really like patterns, that He apparently does too based on how often for example there are trilogies in His word, and thus I'd love to be gifted with the idea for a third Amazing Grace song. **The very next morning**, in a motel room in NC, I quickly grabbed my journal and travel guitar and wrote out the first two verses and the melody of this song.

AT THIS POINT, I HAD NO IDEA WHATSOEVER that GOD would gift me with this website music ministry.....
I had NO recording studio.
I had NO webmaster.
I lived 45 minutes from the closest city.
I had NO expectation that God would ever use such an average woman in His Kingdom's work.....

and yet I excitedly knew He COULD if that were His choice.

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During the previous 2 years, I had fervently prayed 25 music-related prayers written in June 2006 including prayers to write music for our Great Lord -- and God had guided me to "accidentally" find a church right as it began teaching a 6-week series on the Prayer of Jabez (1 Chronicles 4:9-10) and learn that this was NOT a "prosperity" teaching, so I'd been praying that prayer since August 2007....two months after **God's Holy Spirit gave me my very first original song verse,**

VERSE 3 of "I Choose Your Choice" --

I prayed to preach to hundreds but the class I teach has few.

Rejection slips prove no one wants to read my words of You.

I prayed to write great worship songs, but no one ever hears....

I choose to be available, and I choose to do "whatever."

I choose to do "whenever", Lord. and I choose to do "never"

if You want. I choose Your "want."

And I told God that I meant it -- that I also had NO demand on Him whatsoever to answer my years of prayers to write songs with a "yes" because my top prayer truly was that **I yearned for whatever would most give HIM joy. That's still my prayer.**

I wrote verses 3 and 4 the next day. And it was at the "accidental church" that God led me to "accidentally" mention to the bass player that I had songs from God to record but no idea where to go.... and Claxton Wilson answered "I have a studio."

No one would ever be able to convince me that these songs are just words from my subconsciousness, or the way I was able to begin recording was "luck."

P.S.: God later gave me the words to UNCHANGING GRACE!

I bow in amazed gratitude to our Lord God for allowing me to **participate** in His creative ministry of music. Dedicated to THE Lord, 8 November 2008

--- DianaDee Osborne, developer of almost 400 of the Holy Spirit's

Ephesians 3:20-21 empowered songs Of God, almost all quoting not just His Bible Word, but also the actual scripture reference so people can FIND it and study our LORD's **AMAZING GRACE & TEARS** promises.