

AMAZING GRACE, OPEN MY EYES

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Album: Amazing **GRACE** 'n' **Tears**

Lyrics based on John Newton's "Amazing Grace" (Public Domain, CCLI # 22025)

VERSE 1

"Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound."

God, I'm so sorry that these words don't astound.

You saved a wretch-- You chose to save me.

God, I've been so sin-filled— what worth could You See?

I once was blind---

Even now I don't see the pain and the tears that You suffered for me--

Unless You open my eyes.... Dear Lord: please open my eyes.

VERSE 2

You, Lord, have promised good to me.

But often I won't believe 'til I can "see."

"Lord, I believe, help Thou my unbelief"—

Mark 9: 24 shows You answer this plea. "*The*

Bible is true" – in each church, I have heard.

Thank You for still loving those who doubt Your Word

until You open our eyes..... Dear Lord: please open our eyes....

VERSE 3

Through many dangers, toils and snares, You've
proven Your promise that You're always there.

You've walked me thru fires and many a storm.

If I would just LET You, You WILL bring me Home. You've
promised good to me thru wind and flood. Like blind men that You healed*,
I sometimes need mud Before You can open my eyes.

*Lord, I'll let You open my eyes... with anything You choose to use..... < *John 9 >*

VERSE 4

When we've lived with You ten million years,

We've only begun---BUT WILL WE SHED GREAT TEARS

at missing our loved ones that we never told

about Your great love, claiming "*I'm just not bold*" ---- ?? –

though You promised Wise strength and Help You'd give me —

Like James 1:5, Zech'riah 4:6, Proverbs 3.

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Amazing God, open our eyes. Amazing Guide, help us be wise.

Amazing Guide, show us **The Way** to see Your grace, gifted each day, to

ALL who call on Your Name. Open us to call on Your Name:

" AMAZING GRACE! "

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SONG STORY

AMAZING GRACE, OPEN MY EYES.

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

She 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 traveling with my husband & mother-in-law on a 10-hour trip, I grabbed my journal & travel guitar, and wrote out the first two verses & melody of this song in 30 min.

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. I had fervently prayed 25 music-related prayers since June 2006, including 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. No one would ever be able to convince me that these were just words from my subconsciousness. P.S.: To get our 12th CD track, 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.

– DianaDee Osborne, 2008.11.08