

At the surprise party for my 70th birthday, I read this beautifully calligraphed & framed affirmation, liked it, then noticed that I'd written it. The Rev. Sally Bailey, Conn. Hospice's minister in the arts with the dying, had commissioned it, asking the artist to wash the paper with merging of green (my favorite color) & blue (Loree's). I won't be remembered long for having said much of anything, but I'd like this statement to fade from history more slowly than most of the rest.... Sally found it in my 1987 KIRKRIDGE READINGS AND INTENTIONS (1st week in August).

GRACE,

God's caring Presence,

supervenes over and interpenetrates the common day.

It is the food within all food,

the comfort and strength within all assurance,

the song that sings itself within all our moods.

To know this is light,

to live it is life eternal.

The Love that will not let us go

will not let us down.

OVER

Willis E. Elliott

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE C.M.

American Folk Hymn

Arr. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

John Newton, 1779

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system contains four numbered verses. The second and third systems each contain two lines of lyrics. The fourth system contains two lines of lyrics. The score concludes with a double bar line.

1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound That
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and

now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.