

“Amazing Grace”

How to Use *Sing & Ring Hymns* for Chimes or Hand Bells

Needed:

Chimes or hand bells, two or more octaves, tables with padding
Chime music, one copy of appropriate score for each chime

Directions for use:

1. On padded tables, lay out the chimes to be used in the piece. (See Conductor’s Score, “Chimes Used in Chords” and/or “Chimes Used in Melody”.)
 - a. Chimes with the same letter names may be placed together, or
 - b. Chimes may be lined up from low to high, beginning on the right (from audience point of view).
2. Place the appropriate music with each chime. (For example, “Chime: C” music would be placed with the C instrument.)
3. Assign each student to a chime position appropriate to their ability level and size (Ex., do not assign a small child to play a large chime such as C4.)
4. The starting pitch is shown on the Conductor’s Score. After hearing the starting pitch, all will sing the melody *a cappella* from his or her copy of the chime music. When the students are comfortable with the tune of the song, move on to the next step.
5. Explain to the students:
 - a. Every time a word is boxed, the chime will be rung.
 - b. Every time there is a broken vertical line, the chime will be damped.
6. Practice ringing and damping chords until the students do it uniformly.
7. Practice the song with the students singing and ringing.
8. In performance, use any combination of the following:
 - a. Melody sung by solo, group, and/or audience while chimes are ring the harmony.
 - b. Melody played by solo C instrument (Ex. flute, recorder, xylophone) or selected chime players while main group continues ringing the harmony.
 - c. Chimes playing the complete piece using the Chime Arrangement.
9. A scripture, the story of the hymn or information about the hymn writer may be used to introduce the musical performance.

CONDUCTOR SCORE

Chimes used in melody: D5 E5 G5 A5 B5 D6

Chimes used in chords: C D E F# G A B

STARTING PITCH: D

Amazing Grace

John Newton

Virginia Harmony

1. A - maz - ing_ grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a___ wretch like
 2. 'Twas grace that_ taught my heart to fear, And grace my___ fears re -
 3. The Lord has_ pro - mised good to me, His word my___ hope se -
 4. Thru' ma - ny___ dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y
 5. When we've been there ten thous - sand years, Bright shi - ning_ as the

me!_____ I once_____ was___ lost but now_____ am___
 lieved;_____ How prec - cious_ did that grace_____ ap___
 cures;_____ He will_____ my___ shield and por - tion___
 come;_____ 'Tis grace_____ hath_ brought me safe_____ thus___
 sun,_____ We've no_____ less___ days to sing_____ God's_

found, Was blind but___ now I see._____
 pear The hour I___ first be - lieved!_____
 be As long as___ life en - dures._____
 far, And grace will___ lead me home._____
 praise Than when we'd___ first be - gun._____
 gun._____

CHIME: A

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1. A - maz - ing_ grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a___ wretch like
 2. 'Twas grace that_ taught my heart to fear, And grace my___ fears re -
 3. The Lord has_ pro - mised good to me, His word my___ hope se -
 4. Thru' ma - ny___ dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y
 5. When we've been there ten thous - sand years, Bright shi - ning_ as the

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me! _____	_____
lieved; _____	_____
cures; _____	_____
come; _____	_____
sun, _____	_____

I once_____ was___ lost but now_____ am___
 How prec - cious_ did that grace_____ ap___
 He will_____ my___ shield and por - tion___
 'Tis grace_____ hath_ brought me safe_____ thus___
 We've no_____ less___ days to sing_____ God's_

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found, Was blind but___ now
 pear The hour I___ first
 be As long as___ life
 far, And grace will___ lead
 praise Than when we'd___ first

I	see. _____
be -	lieved! _____
en -	dures. _____
me	home. _____
be -	gun. _____

CHIME: B

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 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re -
 3. The Lord has pro - mised good to me, His word my hope se -
 4. Thru' ma - ny dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y the
 5. When we've been there ten thous - sand years, Bright shi - ning as the

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me! _____ I once was lost but now am _____
 lieved; _____ How prec - cious did that grace ap -
 cures; _____ He will my shield and por - tion _____
 come; _____ 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus _____
 sun, _____ We've no less brought days to sing God's _____

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found, Was blind but now I see. _____
 pear The hour as I first be - lieved! _____
 be As long grace will first life lead en - dures. _____
 far, And long grace will first life lead en - dures. _____
 praise Than when we'd first life lead en - dures. _____
 gun. _____

CHIME: C

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1. A - maz - ing_ grace! how	sweet	the	sound,	That	saved	a___	wretch	like
2. 'Twas grace that_ taught my	heart	to	fear,	And	grace	my___	fears	re -
3. The Lord has_ pro - mised	good	to	me,	His	word	my___	hope	se -
4. Thru' ma - ny_ dan - gers,	toils	and	snares,	I	have	al -	read -	y
5. When we've been there ten	thous -	sand	years,	Bright	shi -	ning_	as	the



me!_____	I	once_____	was_	lost	but	now_	am_	
lieved;_____	How	prec -	cious_	did	that	grace	ap_	
cures;_____	He	will_____	my_	shield	and	por	tion_	
come;_____	'Tis	grace_____	hath_	brought	me	safe	thus_	
sun,_____	We've	no_____	less_	days	to	sing	God's_	



found,	Was	blind	but_	now	I	see._____
pear	The	hour	I_	first	be -	lieved!_____
be	As	long	as_	life	en -	dures._____
far,	And	grace	will_	lead	me	home._____
praise	Than	when	we'd_	first	be -	gun._____

CHIME: D

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2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re -
3. The Lord has pro - mised good to me, His word my hope se -
4. Thru' ma - ny dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y
5. When we've been there ten thous - sand years, Bright shi - ning as the

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me! _____ I once was lost but now _____ am _____
lieved; _____ How pre - cious did that grace _____ ap -
cures; _____ He will my shield and por - tion _____
come; _____ 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus _____
sun, _____ We've no less days to sing _____ God's _____

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found, Was blind but now I see. _____
pear The hour I first be - lieved! _____
be As long as life en - dures. _____
far, And grace will lead home. _____
praise Than when we'd first be - gun. _____

CHIME: E

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1. A - maz - ing_ grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a ___ wretch like
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my ___ fears re -
 3. The Lord has pro - mised good to me, His word my ___ hope se -
 4. Thru' ma - ny_ dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y
 5. When we've been there ten thous - sand years, Bright shi - ning_ as the



me! _____ I once _____ was _____ lost but now _____ am _____
 lied; _____ How prec - cious_ did that grace _____ ap _____
 cures; _____ He will _____ my_ shield and por _____ tion _____
 come; _____ 'Tis grace _____ hath_ brought me safe _____ thus _____
 sun, _____ We've no _____ less_ days to sing _____ God's _____



found, Was blind but _____ now I _____ see. _____
 pear The hour I _____ first be - _____ lieved! _____
 be As long as _____ life en - _____ dures. _____
 far, And grace will _____ lead me _____ home. _____
 praise Than when we'd _____ first be - _____ gun. _____

CHIME: F#

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1. A - maz - ing_ grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a ___ wretch like
 2. 'Twas grace that_ taught my heart to fear, And grace my___ fears re -
 3. The Lord has_ pro - mised good to me, His word my___ hope se -
 4. Thru' ma - ny_ dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y
 5. When we've been there ten thous - sand years, Bright shi - ning_ as the

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me!		I	once	was	lost	but	now	am
lieved;		How	prec -	cious	did	that	grace	ap
cures;		He	will	my	shield	and	por -	tion
come;		'Tis	grace	hath	brought	me	safe	thus
sun,		We've	no	less	days	to	sing	God's

12



found,	Was	blind	but	now	I	see.
pear	The	hour	I	first	be -	lieved!
be	As	long	as	life	en -	dures.
far,	And	grace	will	lead	me	home.
praise	Than	when	we'd	first	be -	gun.

CHIME: G

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 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re -
 3. The Lord has pro - mised good to me, His word my hope se -
 4. Thru' ma - ny dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y
 5. When we've been there ten thous - sand years, Bright shi - ning_ as the

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me! _____ I once was lost but now am _____
 lieved; _____ How prec - cious_ did that grace ap -
 cures; _____ He will my shield and por - tion _____
 come; _____ 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus _____
 sun, _____ We've no less_ days to sing _____ God's

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found, Was blind but now I see.
 pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 be As long grace will first life en - dures.
 far, And grace will lead first home.
 praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

TONE CHIME arrangement (3 octaves)
 Chimes Used: C4 D4 E4 G4 A4 B4 C5 D5 E5 F#5 G5 A5 B5 C6 D6

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Virginia Harmony,
 Arr. Carol Swinyar

1. A - maz - ing_ grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a__ wretch like me!_____ I

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

once__ was lost, but now__ am_ found, Was blind but_ now I see._____

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
 How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
 He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
4. Thru' many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5. 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'd first begun.