1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now I see.
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace ap­ pear the hour I first be­ lieved!
3 The Lord has promised good to me, his portion be as long as life endures.
4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I 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.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

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