



Amazing



grace



(how) sweet



(the) sound



(that) saved



(a) wretch/sinner



like



me.

Cheat Sheet for **Amazing Grace** Adapted for ASL Signs

Word or Concept	Description of Action
through	Move the right flat hand (fingers closed, not spread) little finger down, through the spread fingers of the left hand, passing between the left hand's index and middle fingers.
to here, this far	Point right hand towards the ground with your index finger.
traps, snares	Touch the right "v" hand, palm down, to the neck. Note: The history of this sign goes back to a day when hunters trapped animals by the neck.
was	Place a right "w" hand on the chin to the right of the mouth. Then pull the hand back over the shoulder, changing the position from "w" to "s." (This is the tense specific initialized sign rather than the more frequently used, generic sign for 'be'.)
we've	Using the right "w" hand, touch the right shoulder and then the left.
when	Hold the left "d" hand in front of body, palm up. The right index finger moves in a clockwise motion around the left, then rests on the left index finger to symbolize the element of time.
will	Place right "w" hand on the right side of the face. Then move the hand straight ahead to indicate future action.
with	Bring both hands together as "a" hands, touching palms at the end of the motion.
work, toil	Tap the right "s" hand on the back of the left "s" hand.
years	Move the right "s" hand outward, over, and then under the left "s" hand to indicate the rotation of the sun around the earth over the course of a year.

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