

Kenneth W. Osbeck, in his book “Amazing Grace-366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions” (1990). In his book, Osbeck focused on a preacher by the name of Edward Mote, the writer of the lyrics of the powerful hymn: *Amazing Grace*. Osbeck reflected on Mote’s poor upbringing and his conversion to Christ at the age of 16.

Mote, a carpenter by trade, went on to become a powerful preacher in his London community and was able to provide the support needed to build a Baptist chapel. The members of the Baptist chapel were so overjoyed at what a layman like Mote had done that it is told they offered him the deed to the building. Mote declined the offer and instead asked: “I only want the pulpit, and when I cease to preach Christ, then turn me out of that.” In total, Mote wrote over 150 hymns published as a collection titled: *Hymn of Praise*.

Amazing Grace Lyrics:

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in ev’ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope to stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found, dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand - all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.