

Reading A Lead Sheet

A lead sheet is a basic outline that musicians often use to play songs. It shows the melody, chords and rhythm of the song. Using the lead sheet below we will play the chords to Amazing Grace. This song is in 3/4 time, which means three beats per measure. To make the chords transitions easy, we will only strum the chord on beat one of each measure, holding for the second and third beats. The first measure is called a pickup, an incomplete measure, which we will disregard for now.

Amazing Grace



A - ma - zing - grace how - sweet the sound, that -

6 saved a - wretch like - me. I -

10 once was - lost but - now I'm found, was -

14 blind but - now I see.