

## **The Delightful Duet**

I love music, and I love singing with our worship support group. I love the great harmonies, the inspiring words, and the group dynamics. I have limited talent, but I have great volume which I think helps fill the volume of the auditorium.

Several of us who love to sing also visit a local rest home once a month after church to help some of the infirm there enjoy the sense of worship. We sing familiar hymns, and the residents try their best to find the right page in the book and sing along. We usually end the session by singing “Amazing Grace.”

Most of the singers that serve there are also part of a group that sometimes is requested to sing at funerals. The song “Amazing Grace” is often part of the order of service for such occasions, and our group has a version that involves the leader, Tom, singing a solo for the first verse; we “oooh” for the second verse, and then all parts sing the remainder of the song. We call it the “funeral version,” but we don’t make a point of that name at the rest home.

On a recent Sunday afternoon, there were only two of the residents at the facility who were in attendance. One of those was a very faithful elderly lady who was no longer able to attend our regular services. She also was getting to be a bit hard of hearing. So, it seems that she did not hearing our plan for the song, and she sang the first verse anyway.

It was a magical moment. Tom’s beautiful voice, combined with the ragged, off-key, off-tempo voice of the lady, proved to touch our hearts beyond description. I kept myself from looking at anyone else while we listened to that first verse. Fortunately, it is easier to “oooh” than sing words when your throat is choked and nearly closed up. When it was time for the third verse, though, I was ready to sing. I will never forget that delightful duet!

*Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord...*

*Ephesians 5:19*