

Paradise Lost & Regained
From the epic poems by John Milton (1608-74)

From Paradise Lost (1667)

1 *Of man's first disobedience, and the fruit*
2 *Of that forbidden tree, whose mortal taste*
3 *Brought death into the world, and all our woe,*
4 *With loss of Eden, till one greater Man*
5 *Restore us, and regain the blissful seat,*
6 *Sing heavenly muse...*

33 *Who first seduced them to that foul revolt?*
34 *The infernal serpent; he it was, whose guile*
35 *Stirred up with envy and revenge, deceived*
36 *The mother of mankind, what time his pride*
37 *Had cast him out from Heaven, with all his host*
38 *Of rebel angels, by whose aid aspiring*
39 *To set himself in glory above his peers,*

40 *He trusted to have equaled the most high,*
41 *If He opposed; and with ambitious aim*
42 *Against the throne and monarchy of God*
43 *Raised impious war in Heaven and battle proud*
44 *With vain attempt. Him the Almighty Power*
45 *Hurled headlong flaming from the ethereal sky*

46 *With hideous ruin and combustion down*
47 *To bottomless perdition, there to dwell*
48 *In adamantine chains and penal fire,*
49 *Who durst [dared] defy the Omnipotent to arms.*

From Paradise Regained (1671)

1 *I who ere [before] while the happy Garden sung,*
2 *By one man's disobedience lost, now sing*
3 *Recovered Paradise to all mankind,*
4 *By one Man's firm obedience fully tried*
5 *Through all temptation, and the Tempter foiled*
6 *In all his wiles, defeated and repulsed,*
7 *And Eden raised in the vast Wilderness.*
8 *Thou Spirit, who led this glorious Eremite*
9 *Into the Desert, His Victorious Field*
10 *Against the Spiritual Foe, and brought Him thence*
11 *By proof the undoubted Son of God, inspire,*
12 *As thou art wont, my prompted Song...*