

A decorative border of stylized leaves and berries surrounds the text.

# Paradise Lost

*John Milton*

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Restore us, and regain the blissful Seat, 5  
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Of OREB, or of SINAI, didst inspire  
That Shepherd, who first taught the chosen Seed,  
In the Beginning how the Heav'ns and Earth  
Rose out of CHAOS: Or if SION Hill 10  
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Fast by the Oracle of God; I thence  
Invoke thy aid to my adventrous Song,  
That with no middle flight intends to soar  
Above th' AONIAN Mount, while it pursues 15  
Things unattempted yet in Prose or Rhime.  
And chiefly Thou O Spirit, that dost prefer  
Before all Temples th' upright heart and pure,  
Instruct me, for 'Thou know'st; Thou from the first  
Wast present, and with mighty wings outspread 20  
Dove-like satst brooding on the vast Abyss  
And mad'st it pregnant: What in me is dark  
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