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Milton stands alongside Shakespeare and the Bible in the power of his verse and its continuing impact. He is one of the great voices of English poetry.

Born in 1608, he is best known for his epic *Paradise Lost*, but most of his writing life was spent composing shorter works. This collection brings together his brilliant early poems, including *Il Penseroso*, *L'Allegro* and *Lycidas*, as well as some of the finest and most touching works of his maturity, such as *On His Blindness* and *Sonnet Upon a Deceased Wife*.

This anthology will serve as an introduction, or as a reminder of the range and variety of John Milton's great gifts.

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