

ENGL 220 Milton
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Milton, Poems (1645)

Charles Diodati (1609-38)
Robert Herrick
Richard Crashaw

praevenire--prevent
genius loci
carrière – racecourse

Torquato Tasso, Gerusalemme Liberata (Jerusalem Delivered) (1575)

Structure of “On the Morning of Christs Nativity” (commonly known as the Nativity Ode)

Stanzas 1-8 Nativity
 9-17 The heavenly choir
 10-25 The flight of the pagan gods

Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

Then flew one of the Seraphims unto me, having a life coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

--Isaiah 6:6-8

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.