Of man's first disobedience, & the fruit
Of that forbidden tree, whose mortal lust
Brought death into the world, & all our woe.
With less of Eden, till one greater than
Adam was, & reigned the blissful seats:
Sing heavenly music, that on the secret toe
Of Urash or of Sinai first inspiring
That sweet song, who first taught the chosen soul.
In the beginning now the streams & forts

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As war of Christ: Or if at all
Dwell then move &; Nilus or Erit &c. each stately
Fast by the Inlet of your; & mounts
Hooks thy aide to my subservious song,
That with no middle flight intends to soar
Above the Ionian Mounts, where it versus
Things unattempted yet or never was seen.
And namely thou &; notice that have ever
For all removers to uncertain heart & vein.
Shall not men, you then know, how from the first
20.

West resurgent, & midst mighty wings outspread
Sanguine feast, on the vast abyss
And amidst it pregnant: what in me is rags.