

# John Milton, *Rock Star*



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You could say that Lucifer's pride got him thrown out of heaven and into Hell by God.

Or you could say:

*He trusted to have equalled the Most High,  
If he opposed, and with ambitious aim  
Against the Throne and monarchy of God,  
Raised impious War in Heaven and Battle proud,  
With vain attempt. Him the Almighty Power  
Hurled headlong flaming from th' ethereal sky.  
With hideous ruin and combustion, down  
To bottomless perdition, there to dwell  
In adamant chains and penal fire,  
Who durst defie th' Omnipotent to Arms.*

Milton, John, and Gordon Teskey. *Paradise Lost: Authoritative Text, Sources and Backgrounds, Criticism*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2005.