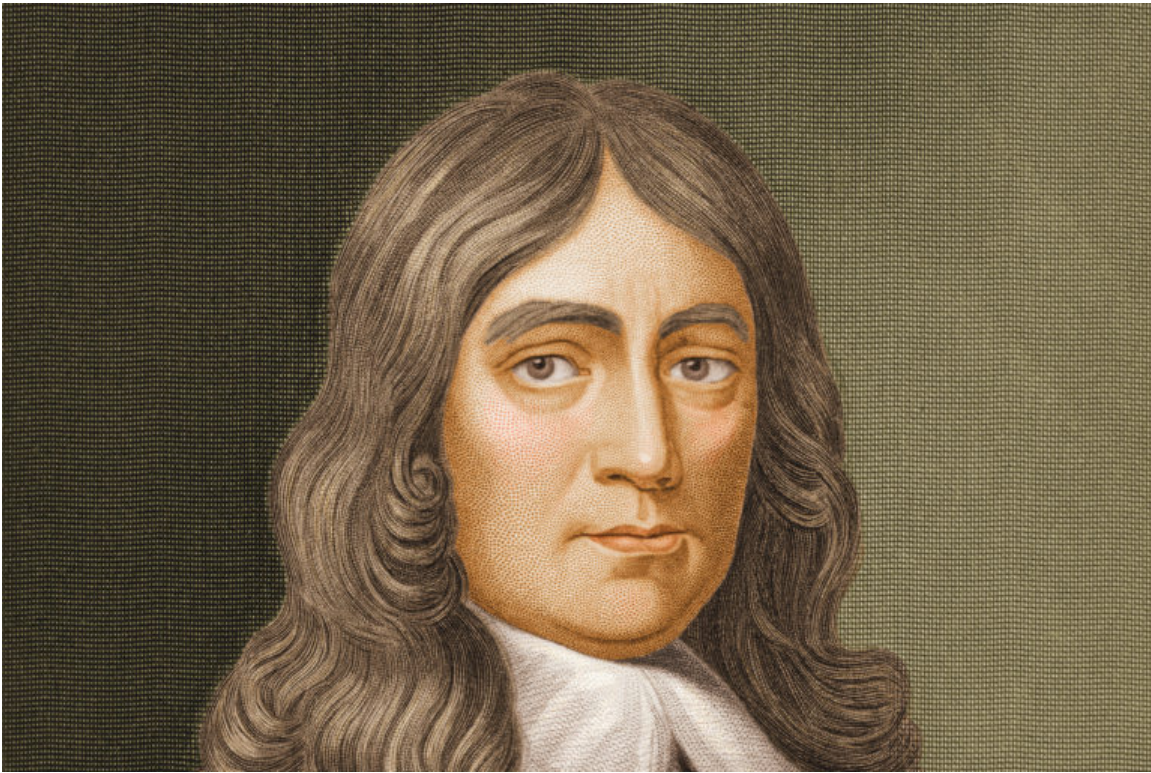


John Milton



John Milton, born in London, spent six years after graduating from Cambridge at his father's country home reading the classics and writing poetry. Ardent about morals and politics, he wrote progressive tracts on divorce and freedom of the press, as well as pamphlets in support of Oliver Cromwell during England's Civil War. Milton wrote *Paradise Lost*, one of the greatest epic poems in English, after he had gone completely blind.