

Poems Milton was familiar with that deal with themes of creation:

Divine Weeks (1592)

Guillaume Salluste Sieur de Bartas (1563 – 1618)
French Calvinist poet

The Creation of the World

Torquato Tasso (1544 – 1595)

Pagan:

Theogony (8th century B.C.E.)

Hesoid

Theogony = “birth of the gods”

A hymn to Zeus that includes the origin of the world (cosmogony), and origin of other gods

Metamorphoses (1 A.C.E.)

Ovid

On the Nature of Things (50 B.C.E)

Lucretius

Also notable: (particularly in description of Hell)

Homer: *Iliad* and *Odyssey*

Virgil: (70 - 19 B.C.E.) *Aeneid*

Dante: (1265 – 1321) *Divine Comedy*

Spencer: (b. 1552) *The Faerie Queen*