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II HELL AND CHAOS
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III HEAVEN AND SUN
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IV PARADISE
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206-287 Paradise described. Similes of Hephaestus, Persephone.
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536-588 Uriel warns Gabriel of Satan’s presence.
589-775 Adam and Eve go to bed; evening hymn (cf. v 152), disquisition on love (cf. VIII 500).
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V PARADISE AND WAR IN HEAVEN
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1034-1189 They make love, and wake to remorse. Simile of Samson. Cf. IV 689.

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