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**TO THE LORD GENERAL CROMWELL, MAY 1652**

**John Milton**

**Milton, John (1608-1674) - English poet and prose writer who is one of the most highly regarded figures in world literature and is widely considered the greatest poet since Shakespeare. Often called the "Puritan Poet," he had many of the good traits of the Puritans as well as many of the bad and spent much of his life immersed in political and religious controversy. To the Lord Generall Cromwell May 1652 - One of the minor poems dealing with the "Committee for Propagation of the Gospel." See also "To Sr Henry Vane."**

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On the proposalls of certaine ministers  
 at the Committee for Propagation of the Gospell  
 Cromwell, our cheif of men, who through a cloud  
 Not of warr onely, but detractions rude,  
 Guided by faith & matchless Fortitude  
 To peace & truth thy glorious way hast plough'd,  
 And on the neck of crowned Fortune proud  
 Hast reard Gods Trophies, & his work pursu'd,  
 While Darwen stream with blood of Scotts imbru'd,  
 And Dunbarr feild resounds thy praises loud,  
 And Worsters laureat wreath; yet much remains  
 To conquer still; peace hath her victories  
 No less renownd then warr, new foes aries  
 Threatning to bind our soules with secular chaines:  
 Helpe us to save free Conscience from the paw  
 Of hireling wolves whose Gospell is their maw.

**THE END**