



Prometheus Bound by Aeschylus

Aeschylus' Prometheus Bound

Whether or not it was actually written by Aeschylus, *Prometheus Bound* is a powerful statement on behalf of free humanity in the face of what often seem like the impersonal, implacable Forces that rule the Universe. As one of the most compelling rebel manifestos ever composed, it has appealed not only to the expected host of scholars of Greek drama, but also to a fascinatingly free-spirited array of translators, especially since the early 19th century; Percy Bysshe Shelley, Henry David Thoreau, and activist-poet Augusta Webster are among those who have tried their poetic and linguistic powers at rendering it into English. **Elizabeth Barrett Browning** published not one but two completely different translations of it, the first in 1833 when she was 27 years old and the second 18 years later. It is this second, far greater, translation presented here.

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